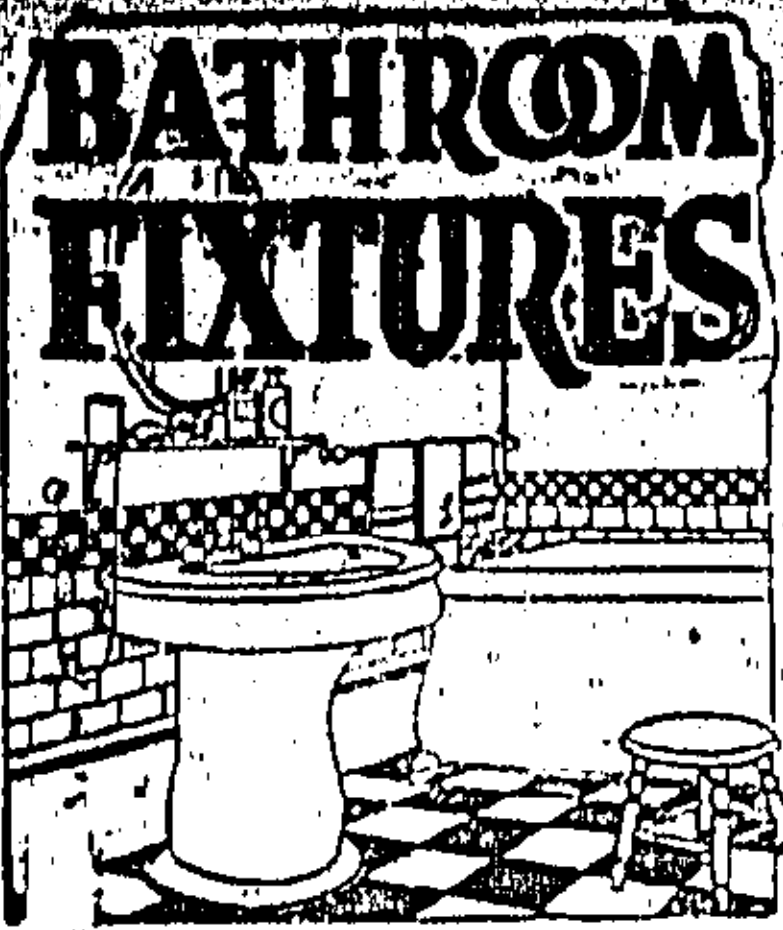




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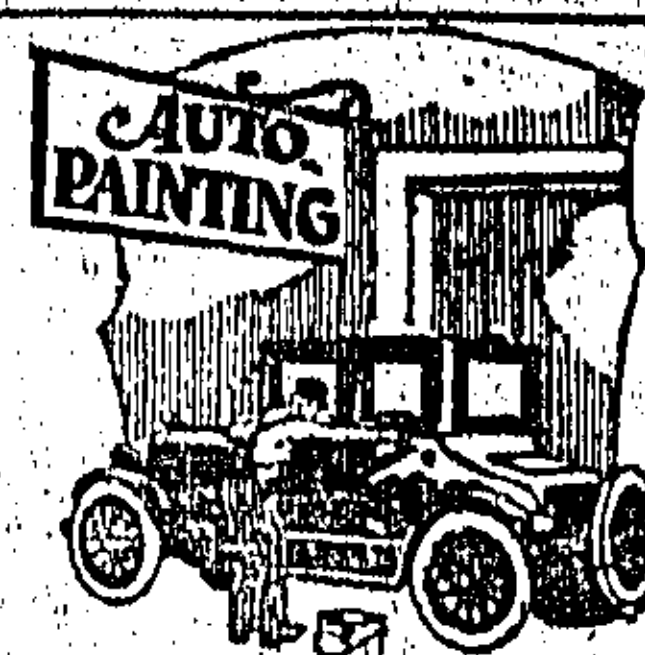
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GRAPHIC STORY OF TYPHOON.

J. C. J. L. BOAT'S THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

TWO QUARTERMASTERS WASHED OVERBOARD.

PANIC AMONGST THE CREW.

A four hours' battle at sea with one of the most severe typhoons experienced near the China coast in recent years, involving the deaths of two quartermasters, and severe injury to Mr. L. A. Willemse, the Chief Officer, was graphically described to the *Telegraph* representative this morning when the s.s. *Tjikandi* arrived from Java.

At the height of the storm the wind reached a force of over 100 miles per hour, the vessel was battered by tremendous seas, her iron railing was twisted, window glass shattered, ventilators torn away, two life-boats smashed, and severe damage done to her superstructure.

Just before the vessel passed through the centre of the typhoon, the hatch-coverings were torn away by the furious wind, and, in a courageous attempt to re-cover them, two quartermasters were carried overboard by a tremendous sea which swept the well deck. Mr. Willemse was thrown against a winch and severely injured, and Mr. P. C. H. Veen, the Second Officer, was badly injured in the arm.

The Chinese crew lost their heads after the tragedy and the officers had by their own efforts to keep the vessel in control, taking turns at the wheel from which the quartermaster on duty had fled.

Five or six other sailors received injuries as the result of the heavy sea which cost the lives of the two quartermasters.

CHIEF OFFICER SEVERELY INJURED.

The typhoon struck the s.s. *Tjikandi* without warning at about 6 o'clock on Friday morning, and the vessel battled with the storm for over four hours, the centre of the typhoon passing at about 8.15 a.m.

She was then in a position about 250 miles east of Balintang Channel and about 700 miles from Hongkong. The typhoon was obviously the one which passed near Amoy on Sunday, but the officers of the *Tjikandi* and two quartermasters were washed overboard, with no possible hope of rescue. Mr. Willemse and his presence, and that the only weather reports they received were merely mentioned a low pressure area.

The steamer was on her way from Java to Yokohama, and she only turned back into Hongkong because of the very severe nature of the injuries to Mr. L. A. Willemse, the Chief Officer, who has been sent to hospital.

Hatches Blown Off.

"It was an experience which I have no desire to go through again," said one of the officers when a *Telegraph* representative went on board this morning.

It was obvious that the steamer had received a most severe buffeting. The rails of the companionway were twisted, the iron work on the deck below the bridge was torn away in parts, and the majority of the wind-dows in front of the bridge deck, quarter-inch plate glass, had been shattered. The wooden roof on the port side of the bridge deck had been completely torn away by the fury of the gale, and there were gaping holes in the woodwork on the side.

On the bridge the damage was also severe, windows being smashed, tarpaulins torn away, and even the glass of the telegraph was broken.

On the poop, two life-boats were lying, both badly smashed. Much damage has been done to the deck equipment, much has been lost overboard, and the cargo has been damaged to an appreciable extent by sea-water which entered when the hatches were torn off. The *Tjikandi* was carrying about 8,000 tons of cargo, mainly sugar and paraffin.

Chinese Crew in a Panic.

A graphic story of the struggle with the typhoon was told by two officers of the s.s. *Tjikandi* this morning. The glass was dropping rapidly from the early hours of the morning, but when the vessel ran into the typhoon about six o'clock it came entirely unexpected.

THREE U. S. SAILORS SENTENCED.

SEQUEL TO PUBLIC GARDENS ROBBERY.

A SHANGHAI AFFAIR.

Last Wednesday morning Judge Purdy at Shanghai sentenced three American sailors, D. J. Sax, L. S. Harper and R. C. McChatchery to one year and one day's imprisonment at Neib's Island penitentiary, they having been proved guilty of highway robbery with violence. Dr. Sellert had prosecuted at the trial while Mr. F. J. Schuhl defended.

In sentencing the youthful defendants, Judge Purdy intimated that it was a very difficult matter for him and that these men were of use to the American Navy and probably in all circumstances would make good American citizens.

The Court could not turn them back to the navy as they had been found guilty and he did not deem it wise that they should remain in Shanghai for a short gaol term. It would be better for them if the Court should send them to prison in America, where upon their discharge, they would be among friends and under circumstances with which they were familiar. One of the accused stated that he understood that if they pleaded guilty, they would be sentenced to six months' imprisonment but his Honour sentenced him along with the others as stated.

It will be recalled that on May 23, in the Public gardens at night, B. A. da Cruz and J. da Silva were approached by four sailors. Some conversation followed and an argument, after which the three accused took some money from them. Mr. Max Hirsch, a special constable, passing by, summoned assistance by blowing his whistle, and the men were arrested.

NEW YORK WELCOMES FLIERS HOME.

PAPER SNOWSTORM AND THEN RAIN.

New York, July 18. Although the official welcome was only due this afternoon, large crowds gathered in the morning to see the anchoring of the s.s. *Leviathan* with Commander Byrd, his companions, and Chamberlain on board, whom the municipality elaborately welcomed.

Dense crowds cheered the airman from Battery Point to the City Hall, their progress being accompanied by a military procession, and a snowstorm of torn paper from the skyscrapers.

Unfortunately, murky haze, in which the New Yorkers were sweltering, turned to rain, and many of them went home.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DEPUTIES SHY OF GAOL.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS IGNORE SUMMONS.

Paris, July 18. Now that Parliament has gone into recess, the parliamentary immunity enjoyed by the Communist deputies, M. M. Cachin, Marty, and Doriot, has automatically lapsed, and these deputies have been summoned to surrender and undergo the terms of imprisonment to which they were sentenced for seditious propaganda, but hitherto they have not responded.—*Reuter.*

SACCO AND VANZETTI STARVING.

CONDEMNED MEN ON HUNGER STRIKE.

Boston, July 18. Despite denials by officials, there is evidence that the two men who have been sentenced to death, Sacco and Vanzetti, are hunger striking. Vanzetti to-day refused anything but coffee, and Sacco declined everything. Both declared that they would rather starve than "be killed on false evidence."—*Reuter's American Service.*

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C. N. C. ISSUES.

SCRATCH CREWS FOR THE SHIPS.

DISMISSALS OF STRIKERS.

Following their decision to serve notices of dismissal on the officers and engineers who are on strike, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, operating the ships of the China Navigation Company, are to put as many ships as possible into service. The following cable from Shanghai received to-day gives the gist of the latest developments in the affair:

Shanghai, July 19. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire state they have decided to resume running every ship possible, at the earliest opportunity, using the few non-striking officers and engineers together with others whom they are engaging. Other ships will be laid up.

The Company has written a letter to the strikers terminating their employment on the grounds of refusal of duty, adding that they are ready to receive "additional applications for return to work."

The Guild officials state that they are open to receive representations from the Company, but a *sine qua non* is the re-instatement of the three officers who were dismissed at the commencement of the strike.

The officials of the Guild further consider that if the deadlock continues for long, many of the officers will leave the China coast for good.—*Reuter.*

It will be remembered that the officers and engineers laid up the entire fleet of the China Navigation Company at midnight on June 29 when their demands for an adjustment board for consideration of wages and conditions was refused by the Company. The Company submitted an alternative demand that the 10 per cent. reduction in wages enforced by the Company on April 1 should be abolished and that the amount of the reduction imposed since that date should be returned to them.

To both of these demands the Company refused to agree and the strike was called. This was the original issue; but when two masters of vessels and a chief engineer were dismissed by the Company for refusing to move their vessels, the strikers demanded their immediate re-instatement and have made this demand the first issue in the dispute.

By means of scratch crews consisting of several officers who declined to participate in the strike the Company were able to get three of their vessels away from Shanghai but the remainder of the fleet is still idle.

Company's Stand.

The Company has definitely decided that it will not submit to compulsory arbitration in matters of local and domestic dispute claiming that such would create an impossible situation in a country like China where circumstances and conditions are so vastly different from those existing at home, and in other countries. They claim that as far back as June 4 they submitted an offer to the officers which was to the effect that pending a resumption of nominal trade in the Company's services they were prepared to review the position regarding wages at the end of each quarter; and if the position justified it the 10 per cent. would be paid for that quarter. So far as the dismissal of the three officers is concerned the Company has taken the attitude that since these three men refused to carry out the Company's express instructions, such refusal was tantamount to resignation.

"Nothing to Add."

When asked this morning by a *Telegraph* representative whether there was anything new to add to the news of the termination of service, which became known yesterday afternoon, a local official of the Guilds said that there was not. It was quite true that the men had received notices, but he had nothing to add to that fact.

Among those departing yesterday by the s.s. *President Lincoln* were Mrs. L. E. Basto, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard (connected with the Lingnam University, Canton), Dr. and Mrs. N. Borovitz and Mrs. Wu Ting-fang, widow of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang.

THE VIOLATION OF TREATIES.

PEKING DIPLOMATS MUCH CONCERNED.

UNITY BEFORE ACTION.

Peking, July 19. Full particulars of the duties that the Nanking Government propose to impose on imports and exports, as well as of other illegal taxation were received here several days ago and have been considered at two meetings of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Home Governments have now been communicated with. It is recognized in Legation circles that, taking advantage of the diplomatic breakdown over the Nanking outrages, the Nanking Government is intent upon stampeding the Powers into an ignominious surrender of their rights and privileges.

It is also recognized that, serious as these proposals would be in ordinary circumstances they are tenfold more serious when considered in conjunction with the trying experiences that foreign trade has suffered in the last six months.

But when you ask what will be done, there are always the vaguest of references to the necessity of establishing unity before making any practical approach to the problem. It is certain that the Japanese will feel the pinch more than the other foreigners, and it would follow from this and from recent history that the degree of vigour displayed in representations to Nanking will depend a great deal upon the reception of the scheme in Tokyo.

Of all the taxes, the one that has called forth the most criticism is the increase in tonnage dues. It is realized that coastal and inland shipping is already seriously threatened by present troubles and the prospect of a 50 per cent. advance in the tonnage dues is greatly concerning diplomatic minds.

AFTERMATH OF THE VIENNA RIOTS.

A MEMORIAL FOR THE FALLEN.

Vienna, July 18. The party leaders have conferred regarding the recent disturbances, and it is proposed to bury, on Wednesday, all who were killed, in one grave in the central cemetery, and to erect a memorial stone, the community bearing the cost, and the community also expending £3,000 on behalf of the victims.

It is proposed that the workers should be asked to contribute towards funds for the widows and orphans.—*Reuter.*

Strike Called Off.

Vienna, later. The trade unions have called off the railway and postal strikes, following a categorical refusal by Dr. Seipel to consider Socialist demands for reconstruction of the Government until the strike terminated, when the demands must be submitted constitutionally to Parliament.

Those who have been arrested include the Communist leader, Beck, who flew from Berlin to Vienna immediately the trouble arose.—*Reuter.*

THE "FLAPPER VOTE" QUESTION.

NOT DOWN FOR AUTUMN SESSION.

London, July 18. Mr. Baldwin said in the House of Commons that he did not intend to introduce legislation for equalising the franchise as between men and women during the autumn session.—*British Wireless.*

VISAS MAY NOW BE ABOLISHED.

FOR BRITONS TRAVELLING IN GERMANY.

London, July 18. Sir Austen Chamberlain announced in Parliament that negotiations were in progress with the German Government for the abolition of visas for British travellers to Germany.—*British Wireless.*

RUSSIAN AGENTS ARRESTED.

CHINESE TROOPS RAID A SOVIET STEAMER.

THE SEARCH FOR M. BORODIN CONTINUES.

YANGTZE TRADE OUTLOOK.

A sensational incident took place at Shanghai yesterday, when a party of Nationalist soldiers boarded a Soviet steamer and arrested six Russian Communists as well as a number of Chinese, whom they removed handcuffed and shackled. They also seized a large number of documents.

The above action is apparently in connection with what might be termed a frantic search for M. Borodin who is now rumoured to be at Kuling, in the company of General Gallen. However, the mystery of his whereabouts remains unsolved.

The troops of General Ho Chien, who is now in command of the Hankow forces, are urging the Hankow Government to come to an agreement with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and thus avoid the threatened clash.

British trade on the Yangtze formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Austen Chamberlain stating that conditions are being constantly watched with the idea of shortly resuming business at Ichang and other ports of the Upper Yangtze.

There is a possibility of the two battalions of Guards in China (the Scots Guards here and the Coldstream Guards at Shanghai) being sent Home in the near future via Canada.

LATEST NATIONALIST CLAIMS.

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In Spite of the Truce.

Shanghai, July 19. A party of Nationalist soldiers to-day boarded a Soviet steamer at Honli, and after a thorough search they arrested eight Chinese, one Korean, and six Russian Communists, removing them handcuffed and shackled with leg-irons, to the military headquarters.

A large quantity of documents was seized.

One of the Russians who was arrested was formerly a personal adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter.*

LOOKING FOR BORODIN.

Chinese Soldiers' Search.

Shanghai, July 18. The whereabouts of M. Borodin, the Russian adviser, is still very uncertain. It has now been reported that he has arrived at Kuling, but the authorities at Shanghai are quite certain that he has not arrived there.

Chinese soldiers boarded the Chinese steamer, s.s. *Hou Li*, a vessel of 1,007 tons gross, in search of him this afternoon, but met with no success. The *Hou Li* was on the point of sailing for Vladivostok when the military held her up in the belief that Borodin was on board.

The Dal bank, raided on July 16, has been sealed, upon orders from the Shanghai Provisional Court.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow Seeks Agreement.

Shanghai, July 19. A wireless report from Hankow stated that General Ho Chien's forces are pressing the Hankow Government to arrange an agreement with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

While an element of mystery still surrounds M. Borodin's whereabouts, reliable sources at Kuling report that he is with General Gallen living at Kuling, the noted summer resort, 20 miles from Kuling.—*Reuter.*

GUARDS TO GO?

Home via Canada.

London, July 18. Commander King, in the House of Commons, for the War Office stated that consideration was being given to a proposal that the two Guards battalions now stationed in China should return home via Canada.—*British Wireless.*

[These are the Scots Guards in Hongkong and the Coldstream Guards in Shanghai.]

YANGTZE TRADE.

British Chances Queried.

London, July 18. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. W. Loker regarding the conditions of British trade in the Yangtze region, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that arrangements had been made for a further investigation next month of the possibility of a resumption of British residence and trade at Ichang, when the state of the river was most favourable for an extension of inquiries to Chungking and Changsha.

In the meantime the residential trade situation at the Yangtze ports above Hankow was constantly being watched.

Mr. Loker asked if the British policy under present conditions was to confine all trade in this region to Shanghai.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the policy was better defined by saying that the object is to protect British lives in the first instance, and to preserve British trade in the second instance.—*Reuter.*

Unfavourable at Present.

London, July 18. Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons about the policy of the British Government in regard to the maintenance of British trade in the Yangtze region, under existing conditions. He replied that arrangements for the return of British residents to Hankow and the lower Yangtze ports had already been stated in the House.

At the end of May, a consular officer was sent to Ichang on a warship, to investigate the possibility of a resumption of British residence and trade at that port, but the officers found the

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RESISTING SEARCH.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE
CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Percy Sydney Lal was charged before Major C. Willson yesterday for resisting search and assaulting Sergeant G.T. Heywood in Des Voeux Road West on July 9.

Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton defended and a cross-summons was taken out against the Sergeant for assault.

The Sergeant's story was that shortly after midnight he saw a man dressed like a Chinese shop foki running towards him with a parcel under his arm. He stopped the man in order to search him, but the man refused to be searched. The sergeant said that he asked the defendant in Chinese where he came from and got a reply in English from the defendant, who said "It is not your business where I came from or where I am going to." He said that the Chinese struggled violently and he had to use force to take him to the police station.

Under cross-examination from Mr. Hall Brutton witness admitted that he caught the defendant by both arms and that he tripped him by the foot so that the defendant was on the ground. The witness could not remember how many times the defendant was put on the ground. On the way to the station, the Sergeant stated that the defendant struggled and used very abusive language and threatened to kill him, in Chinese.

Witness said that in the charge room a lady asked to be allowed to use the phone, but permission was refused. A Chinese lunkong who followed the Sergeant and the defendant to the police station stated that the defendant walked quietly.

Many Witnesses.

Mr. Brutton in opening the defence said that he had many witnesses to call. He stated that there was no mention of search by the constable at all. The constable stopped defendant and was asked "What's the matter?" This question in English seemed to irritate the constable, who promptly gave defendant a clout in the head. Mr. Brutton said that he had four eye-witnesses to this first blow.

Continuing, Mr. Brutton explained that the defendant's family had for many years been supporting an old people's home from their own pockets. The night in question they were rehearsing a play which they intended to produce in order to raise money for the home. The defendant was bringing some European clothes and shoes to a performer who came from Canton.

Mr. Brutton said that the Sergeant, after assaulting the defendant, pushed him on the ground, twisted the defendant's hands behind his back and sat on him. When the defendant's mother came to the scene she was told to go away or she would also get into trouble.

Eventually they all went to the police station, the defendant being held with his hands behind his back all the way. In the charge room the defendant asked for permission to reserve his defence.

As regards the cross-summons, Mr. Brutton explained that that was taken out on the instructions of the C. S. P., whom the defendant and his mother had interviewed.

The case was adjourned until 2.15 to-day.

NICARAGUA.

AMERICAN MARINE KILLED
IN ASSAULT.

Managua, July 18. A United States Marine was killed and another wounded when the Marines with the Nicaraguan Constabulary repulsed an assault on Ocotal by General Sandino.

Aeroplane bombed the Liberals who it is estimated lost over 50 killed and many wounded.—*Reuter.*

CHINA'S WAR.

A COUP D'ETAT AT HANKOW.

Shanghai, July 18. A message from Hankow dated the 17th inst. says that though official confirmation is not obtainable well informed circles believe that General Ho Chien, the commander of the Wuchang garrison carried out a coup d'etat against the Communists.

Ho Chien's troops occupied Hankow yesterday and Hankow to-day including the railway and other strategic points. The manoeuvre was executed remarkably smoothly. There was no sign of military movement and the public was outwardly undisturbed. Probably the turning over has the approval of the Hankow Government preparatory to the latter coming out on the side of the Moderates.

General Ho Chien is a Hunanese and his troops last month broke up the Farmers' and Peasants' Union in Hunan, while Ho Chien recently executed great numbers of Communists in Wuchang.—*Reuter.*

CUT OFF FROM HANKOW.

Tang Sang-chi Unable to
Get Back.

Shanghai, July 18. It is reported from Changsha that General Tang Sang-chi is anxious to go back to Hankow in view of the threat from Nanking, but he is not able to do so because the South and West of Hunan province are also threatened by anti-Red forces from Kwangtung and Kweichow. During the absence of General Tang, General Chang Fak-kwai will direct Hankow's expedition against Nanking.

According to a Nanking report, the Red Spears in southern Hunan are against the Hankow Reds. This armed force, which is something like 50,000 strong, have put up anti-Red flags and are willing to co-operate with the Nanking anti-Reds to attack Hankow.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

PEACE PARLEYS.

Conversations Progressing
Favourably.

Peking, July 18. A Fengtien official announcement states that conversations between the delegates of Fengtien, Chiang Kai-shek and Yen Hsi-shan are progressing favourably here. The Fengtienites are hopeful that they will result in joint action against Nanking.

However, foreign authorities appear to consider that the exactions of the Nanking Government and other militarists are far more important at the present time than the moves and plans of rival factions.—*Reuter.*

Truce Declared.

Shanghai, July 18. Reports are current here that the peace arrangements between Peking and Nanking are progressing satisfactorily and that both Marshals Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Tso-lin have given orders for an immediate truce pending a peace conference, delegates to which will include representatives of Yen Shi-shan, Feng Yu-hsiang, (on the Nanking side) and Chang Tsung-chang, Sun Chuan-fang (on the Peking side) but representatives of Marshals Chiang and Chang will form the principal factors of the conference.

The seat of the parley is not yet known but Sun Chuan-fang arrived at Peking yesterday in connexion with the peace movement. The Shan-si delegate, General Nan Kwai-hsing has also arrived at the northern capital. Information from the Fengtien circles indicates the presence of a Chiang Kai-shek delegate in Peking but the identity of the delegate is not to be announced for the time being. General Li Ming-chung, Feng Yu-hsiang's representative in Nanking, is leaving for the North. His trip is believed to have connexion with the peace movement also. Probably because of the proposed truce between Peking and

SHAMEEN MURDER.

INDIAN WOMAN STABBED
TO DEATH.

Canton, July 17. A mysterious murder case has occurred on Shameen. The victim was a woman, the sister of A. Rahim, an Indian who is the proprietor of a store dealing in food supplies situated directly across the street from Shameen Post Office.

The woman's husband was employed in the British Concession. Having spent some years in England, he was familiar with foreign requirements and held a position with a prominent English firm as an overseer of labour. While nothing is definitely known, it is believed that the crime was committed by an enemy of the husband.

Due to the heat and rather congested quarters, the Indian woman was sleeping in the street, which offered the criminal an opportunity to stab her. Her outcry brought the husband to the scene, but not until too late to apprehend the murderer. It is thought probable the latter is employed and lives on Shameen as his movements indicated familiarity with the place. It is thought that he was probably a member of a secret society which will be proud of the accomplishment of this crime in the British Concession.

Malay Woman.

This report confirms rumours which have been afloat in the Colony since Thursday. The woman is said here to be a Malay, wife of a cook employed at Jardine's mess. She had no less than nineteen wounds.

The dastardly attack was made shortly after two o'clock in the morning and so quietly was the stabbing carried out that nothing was known of the affair until the woman's husband was roused from his sleep by one of their two children who stated that his mother was lying on the ground bleeding.

Despite the fact that medical assistance was hastily summoned and everything possible done for the unfortunate woman, she died at 8 o'clock in the morning through loss of blood.

Although the noise of the struggle was not heard by anyone in the building there is proof that the murderer was resisted and marks on the wall which he had to scale, show many blood imprints of a man's hand.

The exact identity of the murderer is unknown but it is surmised that the deed was an act of vengeance. One rumour states that a certain Chinese was banished from Shameen through the report made by the murdered woman's husband to the Consul and that this was the man who committed the act. Suspicion is strong against this man, particularly as he openly threatened to do harm to the Malay's family.

The deceased woman and her husband went to Shameen from Hongkong at the very commencement of the strike and had been both employed at Jardine's mess since their arrival there in 1925.

Nanking, the war on the Tientsin-Pukow line continues at a standstill. Reports from Hsuehchow indicate that there has been no fighting along the railway since the 15th inst.

Nanking report states that the Fengtienites have voluntarily retired from the Shiehchung front, which was immediately occupied by Yen Shi-shan's troops from Chang-yung. The Fengtienites are concentrating in Paoching, from which to Tschow a strong defence line is established by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's army.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

Shanghai, July 18. There has been no fighting along the Tientsin-Pukow railway since the 15th, for the rival armies are now struggling near Yencheng. Trains from Pukow are running to Lincheng.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

VILLAGE ROBBERY.

THREE FOKIS CHARGED AT
SESSIONS.

A raid on a house in the New Territories had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when three shop foks were charged with robbery. They were further charged with receiving the stolen property, consisting of articles of clothing, a pair of earrings and two cakes of soap.

The case was taken before the acting Chief Justice, the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuting. The prisoners were not represented by counsel.

Evidence for the prosecution showed that three men entered a house in Sha Po village, Ping Shan district, on the night of May 15. The house was occupied by a widow, a visitor, a servant and a small child. The robbers appeared with revolvers and stole various articles of clothing.

Five Arrests.

The police made inquiries at an oil factory in the district, and arrested five men, including the three prisoners. One of the men claimed a basket which contained a piece of soap similar to that stolen, while articles of clothing were found near the sleeping place of the men. During the search another foki ran out of the house and escaped. Later, a bundle of clothing was found underneath a window of the oil shop.

An identification parade was held, and the widow picked out the three prisoners as men who participated in the robbery. A further search was made by the police at the factory, when two revolvers, one loaded in five chambers and the other loaded in one, were found behind a loose brick in the wall. Another used cake of soap and part of an ear-ring were also found on the premises.

An interpreter was called who read out statements made by the prisoners when charged, in which they all denied participation.

His Lordship said that before he called on the defence, he would withdraw the second count of receiving on the grounds that none of the articles had been traced to any one of the men.

The first prisoner, in denying the charge, said at six o'clock on the morning of the robbery he took a launch to Shamshui, where he pawned his jacket for 80 cents. He alleged the ticket was taken from him by the Police.

The ticket was not produced in court and two Police constables, who searched the defendants, said they did not find any tickets on the first man, although three were found on the third.

The defendant then said he put the ticket at the head of his bed, from which place the Police took it.

The other two prisoners also denied the charge.

The jury retired and on returning brought in a verdict of "Guilty" against all three men.

In expressing his agreement with the jury, His Lordship remarked that the men had carried out the robbery at night and quite close to a Police Station. He was going to take a serious view of the case because villagers must be protected. He sentenced each prisoner to five years' hard labour, and to receive 12 strokes each.

SALT REVENUES.

CHIHLI AUTHORITIES TO
ASSUME CONTROL.

Tientsin, July 18. Following the example of other provinces the Chihli authorities have notified the representatives of the Powers concerned that forthwith they are taking over the control of the Provincial Salt-Gabelle amounting to \$12,000,000 annually.

The Powers concerned have despatched representatives to the Salt Station at Tangku to endeavour to prevent the seizure of the revenue.—*Reuter.*

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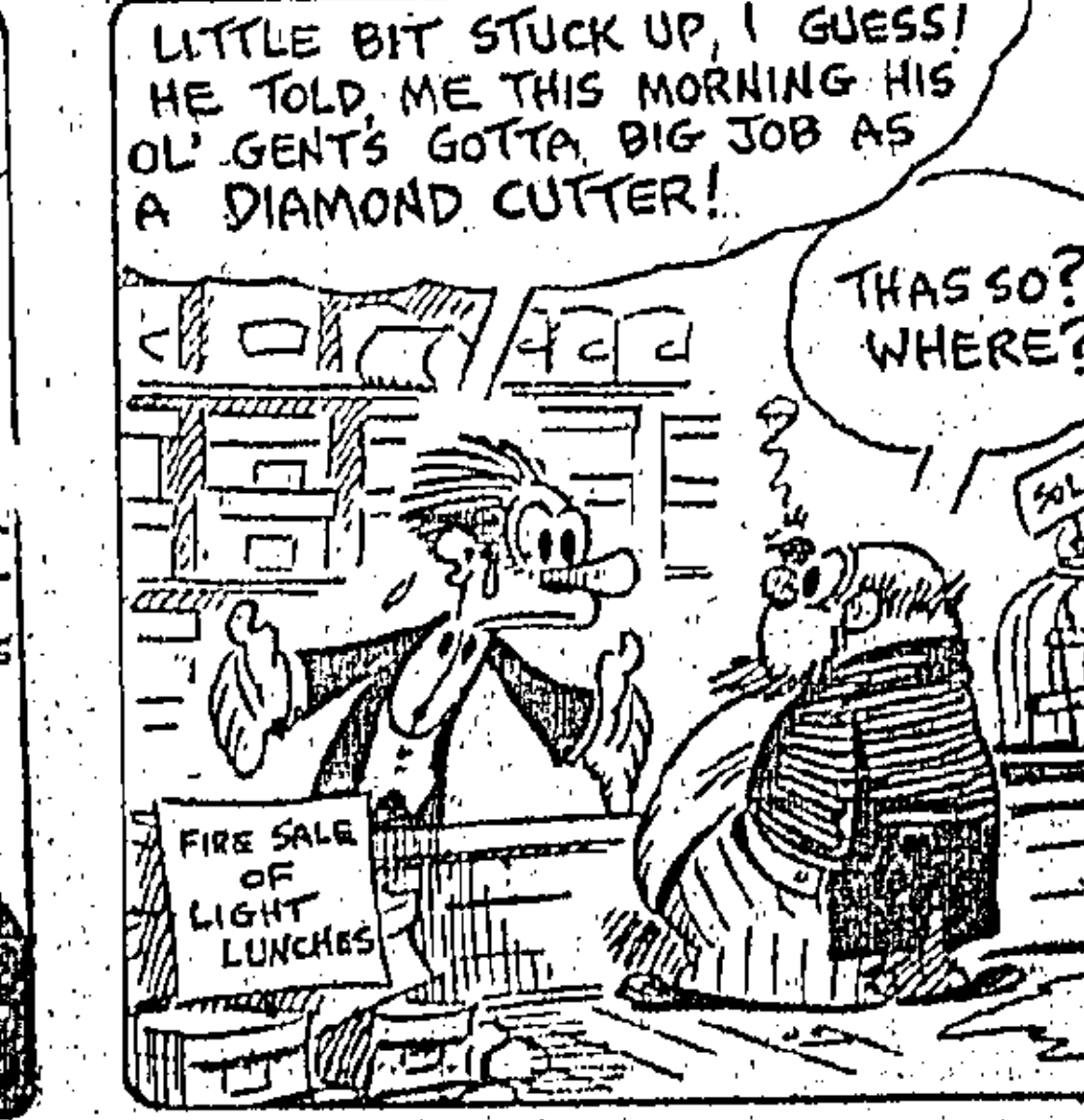
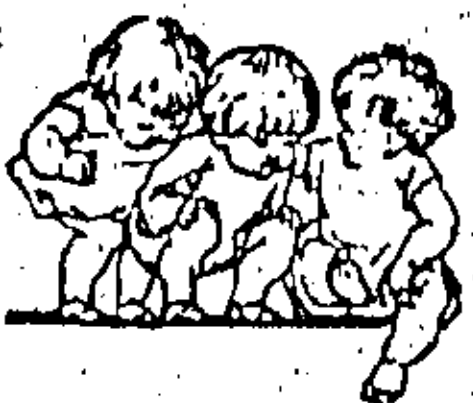
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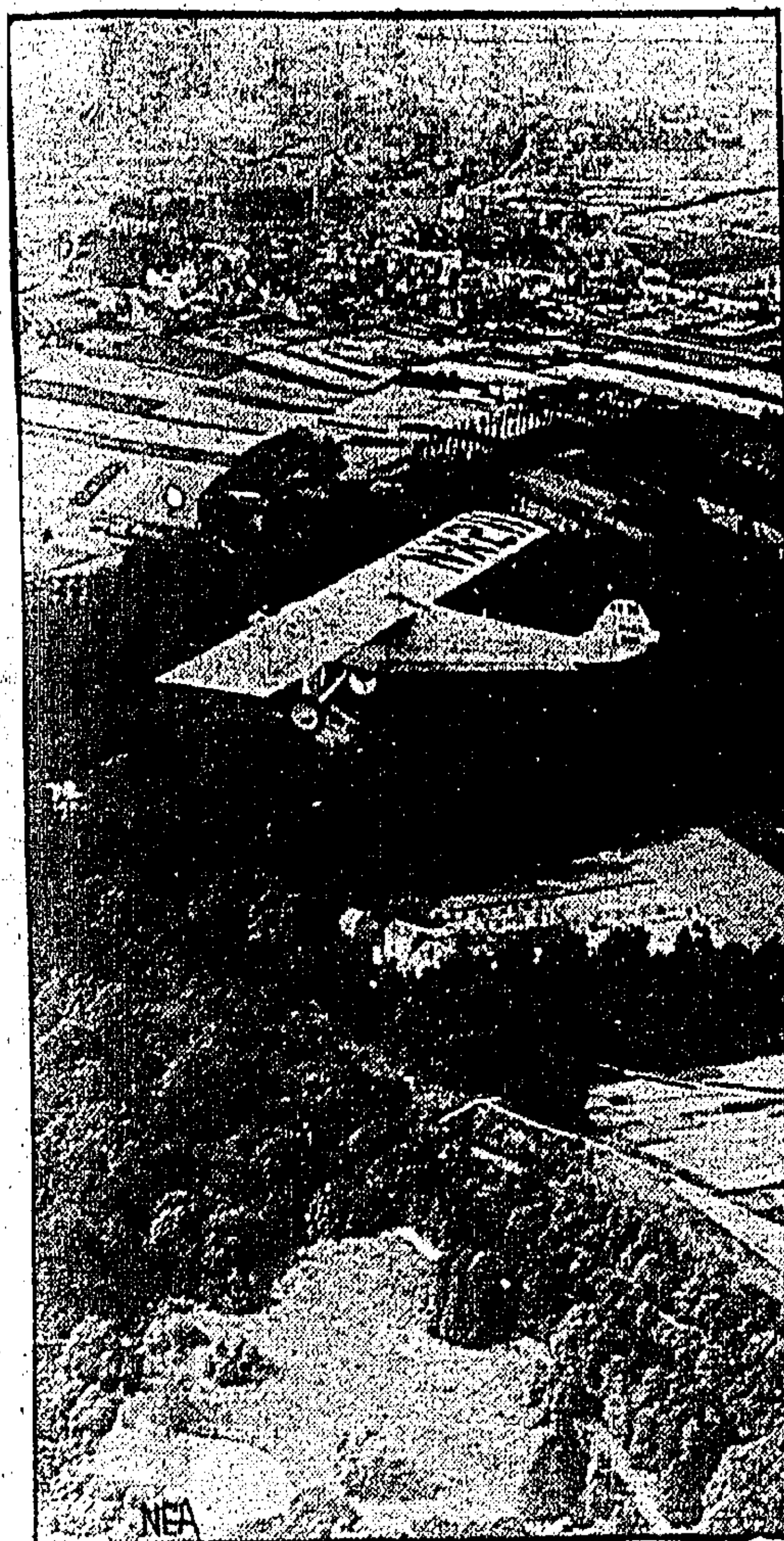
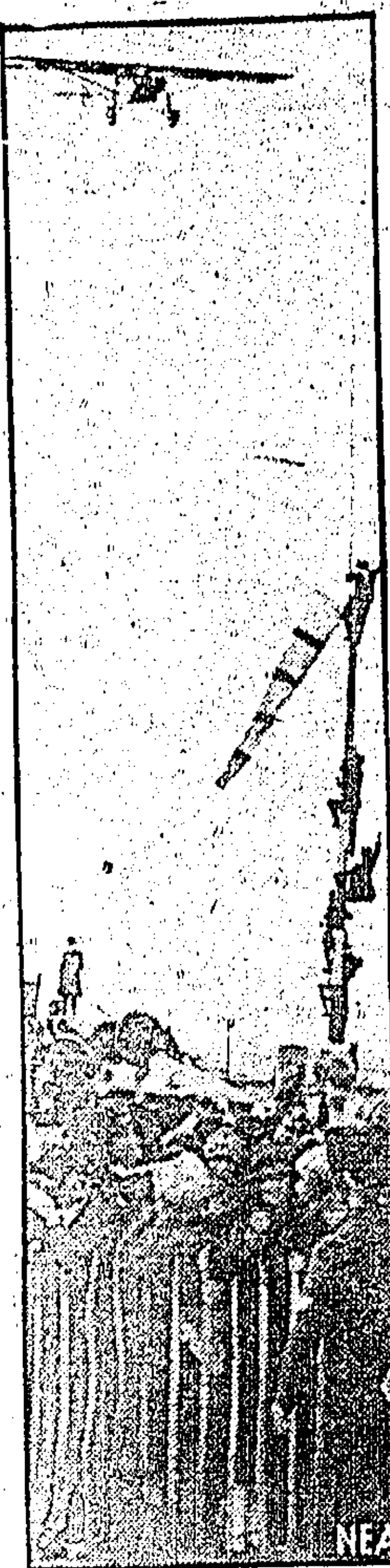
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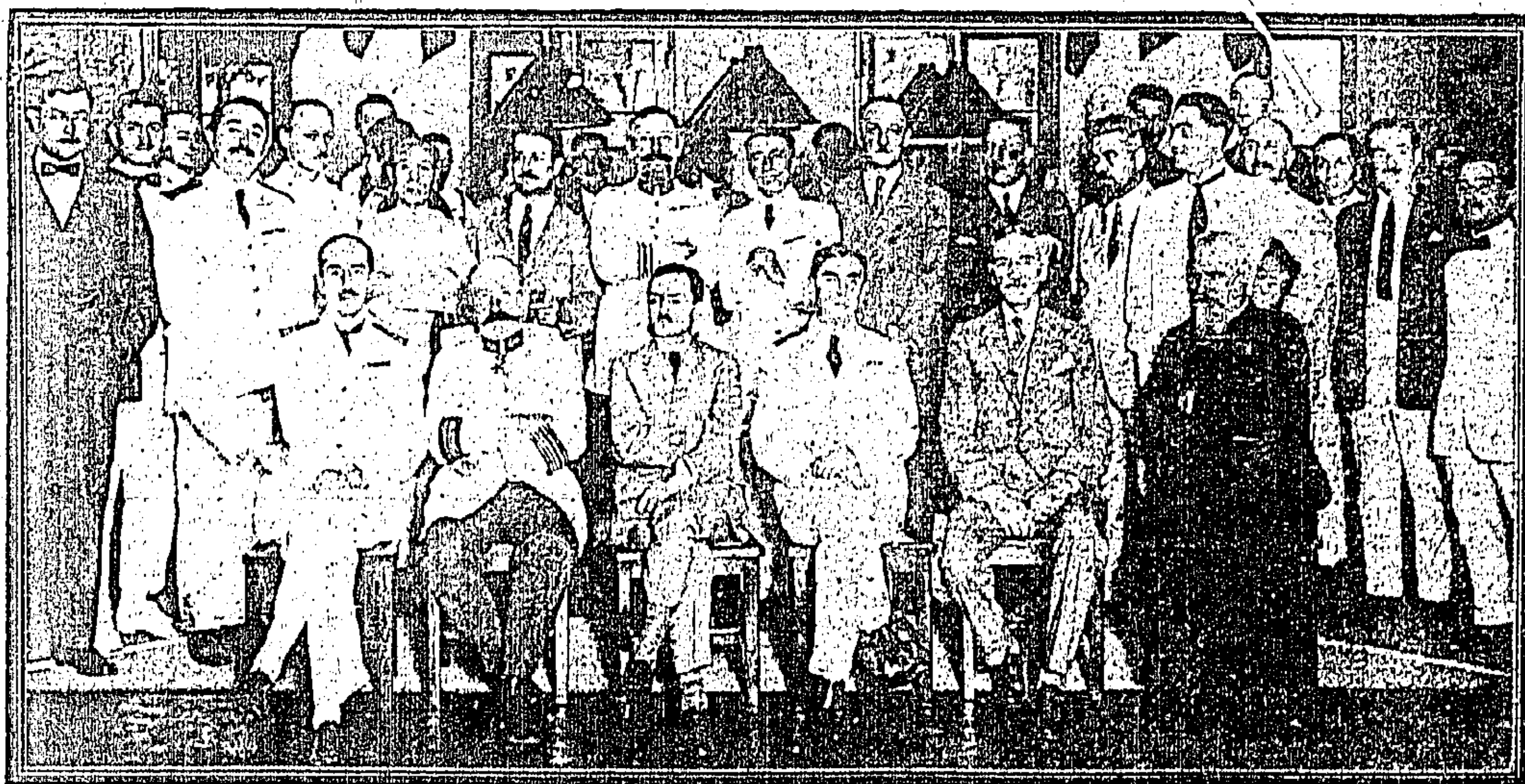
NEW SCREEN STAR.—Gina Palermo is beautiful, and accomplished, too. She recently made her debut as a French screen star. She began her career as an infant toe dancer, advanced to light opera, and now is in pictures. And the critics who acclaim her say that she has undoubtedly come to stay.



FAMOUS FLIER IN EUROPE.—Captain Charles A. Lindbergh's monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis," with "Lindy" piloting it, pictured strikingly in Belgian and English skies. At the right is a wonderful photo of Lindbergh's plane as it flew over Belgium, on his visit to Brussels. It was taken from an accompanying aeroplane. At the left is a corner of Croydon air field near London, showing the "Spirit of St. Louis" swooping down for its first landing on British soil.



OLD BEDFORDIAN DINNER.—Old Bedfordians present in Shanghai met at dinner at the Shanghai Club recently. Left to right: Mr. L. M. Bell, Lieut. A. C. Dixon, Mr. C. J. Lloyd, Mr. Vince (Bandmaster 1st Beds, and Herts.), Mr. M. Milton, Mr. E. N. Trueman, Mr. G. C. Nazer, Maj. D. J. B. McMahon, Lieut.-Col. M. Muirhead Murray, D.S.O., R.A., Mr. V. G. Bowden, Mr. R. M. Saker, Mr. E. J. V. Baumgartner, Maj. J. L. Lightfoot, O.B.E., Capt. J. C. Preston, M.B.E., Lieut. G. R. Steel, Mr. E. A. Lawton and Lieut. P. O. B. Sherwood. Through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. J. P. Tredennick, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Officers the Band of the 1st Beds, and Herts, played during dinner and added greatly to the success of the evening.



FRENCH SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CANTINEEN.—Group taken on the occasion of the opening of the "Foyer du Marin et du Soldat Français," at 229 Avenue Dubail, Shanghai, recently. The "foyer" is open to officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the French army and navy, as well as to members of the French mercantile marine.

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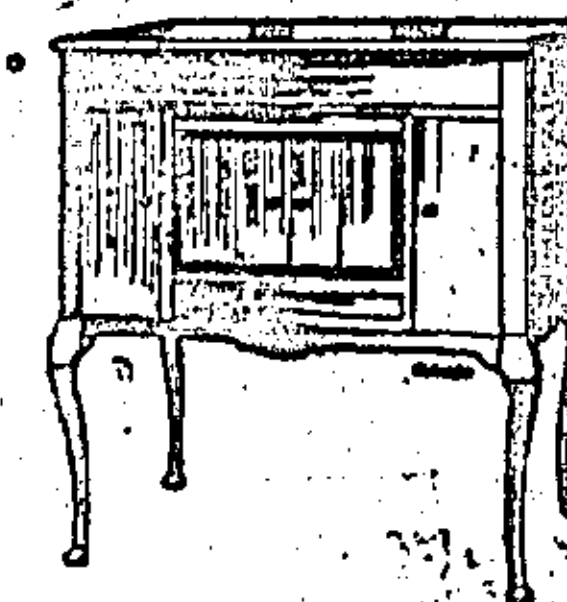
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Building, sixth floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of August 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution, namely:—

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$6,000,000.—divided into 600,000 shares of \$10.—each to \$3,000,000.—divided into 600,000 shares of \$5.—each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets, to the extent of \$5.—per share upon each of the 589,678 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding, and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$10.—to \$5.—per share, provided always that such reduction shall be without prejudice to the Company's rights under Article 32 of the Articles of Association to sue for and recover all arrears of calls now outstanding and due in respect of any forfeited shares."

Should the above resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary General Meeting, to be held at the same place aforesaid on Wednesday, the 24th day of August 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such resolution as a special resolution accordingly.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1927.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an interim dividend of 23 per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1927, at rate of 2/- per dollar.

The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY the 8th August, 1927, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY the 25th July to SATURDAY the 6th August, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1927.



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ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD.

FRAUDULENT CONVERSION.

On the 6th May, 1927, IU PO LUN, an employee of the KIEN TIANG HAN firm of 126 Wing Lok Street absconded from the above address, having on various dates prior to that date obtained large sums of money from the said firm by fraud.



IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a warrant has been issued for arrest of IU PO LUN and a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS will be paid by the undersigned to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit.

Reward to be valid for 6 months from July 1st, 1927.

Description. Iu Po Lun aged 31 years, 5 ft. 4 in. in height, very stout, short-sighted wearing glasses, speaks good English dressed in European clothing, Hongkong Born, parents natives of Pun, U District.

(Sd.) E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

C. I. D. Circular No. 2.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1927.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

It is hereby notified that the following persons have been appointed to hold office as from January 1st, 1927:—

LOUIE WAI SUN,
Managing Director.
LOUIE LEUNG,
Treasurer.
LAM MING FAN,
Secretary.
L. G. CHONG,
Manager.

No contracts can be recognized by this Company unless signed by at least two of its Directors.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.
By Order,
of the Board of Directors,
LAM MING FAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 18th, 1927.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of TWO DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1927, will be payable on THURSDAY, August 4th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 3, Chater Road.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 22nd July, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1927.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,
the 20th July, 1927,
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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
3 Tins Matches.
28 Straw Hats and Felt Hats.
1 Electric Light Plant with Accessories.
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The Forty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Monday, the 25th July, 1927, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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at 11.30 a.m.
At the Iron Shed, Holt's Wharf, Kowloon.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the Estate of the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, to sell by Public Auction,

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		H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
Wed.	20	h. m.	feet.	h. m.	feet.
	2	2 58	4.4	8 16	1.0
Thurs.	21	3 58	4.6	7 01	1.1
	3	4 58	4.8	5 44	1.2
Friday	22	5 58	5.0	4 29	1.3
	4	6 58	5.2	3 14	1.4
Satur.	23	7 58	5.4	2 00	1.5
	5	8 58	5.6	0 45	1.6
Sun.	24	9 58	5.8	11 30	1.7
	6	10 58	6.0	10 15	1.8
Mon.	25	11 58	6.2	9 00	1.9
	7	12 58	6.4	7 45	2.0
Tues.	26	1 58	6.6	6 30	2.1
	8	2 58	6.8	5 15	2.2

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RADIO NOTICES.

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Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date.
Japan and Shanghai	Aki Maru	July 19.
Shanghai	Sphinx	July 19.
Suez and Straits	Allpore	July 19.
Australia and Manila	Adraetus	July 20.
Suez and Straits	Mishima Maru	July 21.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers London 23rd June and parcels 16th June)	Antenor	July 21.
Rawalpindi		July 21.
Macedonia		July 22.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	July 24.
Fooksang		July 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	July 29.
Straits	Kamo Maru	July 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada	August 1.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via	Sphinx	Tues., July 19.
	K.P.O.	Registration 3 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.

(Due Marseilles 20th August).
Sam Shui and Wuchow Telling, Tues., July 19, 4 p.m.
Manila President Cleveland, Tues., July 19, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Persus, Tues., July 19, 5 p.m.
Pakhol Raymond Poincare, Tues., July 19, 5 p.m.

Japan, Amoy and Formosa Moji Maru, Tues., July 19, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Menado Maru Wed., July 20, 8.30 a.m.

via Thursday Island Aki Maru, Wed., July 20, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.

(Due Thursday Island 1st August).
Amoy Tjikini, Wed., July 20, 9.30 a.m.

Saigon Comerio, Wed., July 20, 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard Hydrangea, Wed., July 20, 1.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 1st August Aki Maru, Wed., July 20, 12.45 p.m.

Letters 1.30 p.m.
Java via Soerabala Tjitjaroom, Wed., July 20, 2.30 p.m.

Manila Emp. of Canada, Wed., July 20, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai Ypsang, Thurs., July 21, 8.30 a.m.

Straits Van Heutz Thurs., July 21, 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow Halching, Thurs., July 21, Noon.

Shanghai Chakasang, Fri., July 22, 8.30 a.m.

Japan Mishima Maru Fri., July 22, 9.30 a.m.

Hai Phong Mingsang, Thurs., July 21, 5 p.m.

Fooksang, Fri., July 22, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Macedonia, Sat., July 23, Kowloon P. O.

Parcels 22nd 4.30 p.m.
Registration 23rd 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G. P. O.

Parcels 22nd, 5 p.m.
Registration 23, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 19th August)

Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. and *S. America and *Europe via Victoria Tyndareus, Fri., July 23, 5 p.m.

B.C. Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

(Due Victoria, B.C., 16th August).
Saigon Telemachus, Sat., July 23, 2.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow Haiming, Sun., July 24, 8 a.m.

Formosa, Shanghai, Japan and *San Francisco Siberia Maru, Tues., July 26, 8.30 a.m.

(Due San Francisco 19th August).
Swatow Hangsang, Wed., July 27, 8.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Patroclus, Wed., July 27, 9.45 a.m.

Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 24th August).

Straits and Calcutta Lalsang, Thurs., July 28, 1 p.m.

Letters 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hakusan Maru, Sat., July 30, Kowloon P. O.

Registration 1.8 a.m.
Letters 1.9 a.m.
G. P. O.

Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 29th August).



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RUGBY TOUR.

N. S. W. TEAM WHICH WILL VISIT BRITAIN.

The New South Wales Rugby Union team to tour the British Isles next season will consist of:—
Full backs.—A. W. Ross and B. Palmer.
Three-quarters.—Wing: A. J. A. Bowers, E. J. Ford, C. Gordon and A. C. Wallace (captain). Centres: S. C. King, C. Towers, T. Egan and Seeland. Five-eighths: T. Lawton and J. Duncan.
Half-backs.—J. G. Blackwood and F. W. Meagher.
Forwards.—K. Bartlett, H. F. Woods, J. A. Tancred, B. Judd, C. L. Fox, E. N. Greatorex, E. J. Thorn, G. P. Storey, J. W. Breckenridge, Blair and Finlay.

Wallace and Lawton are the old Oxford "Blues," and Wallace has played for Scotland. Blackwood, the forward, has represented N. S. W. at half-back. All the players are fast. The forwards are heavy and tall. Thorn, Judd and Ford are not far short of six feet, and Greatorex, who, by the way, is engaged in journalism, is over six feet.

The area in Australia from which a Rugby Union team can be chosen is limited to New South Wales, and outside Sydney and Newcastle (the latter being about 100 miles away from Sydney) very little Rugby Union football is seen. There are eight first-grade clubs in Sydney, and from these the 25 players have been selected.

WAVE OF CRIME IN SHANGHAI.

SHROFF MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

A DOCTOR VICTIMISED.

Shot down on a busy Settlement street because he dared to raise an outcry after being robbed, Yee Zung-ching, shroff for a Shanghai firm, is dead—a victim of bold armed robbers operating in broad daylight in the International Settlement. Yee died at the Shantung Road Hospital.

According to information obtained last Wednesday, Yee and an assistant named Zee Tsz-chau, were collecting money in the Hongkew District after having made a number of collections in the French Concession.

At 24 Woo Foo Loong the shroff and his helper collected \$30. As they emerged from the address, which is a Chinese shop, they were confronted by three men, one of whom brandished a pistol. They robbed the two men of \$700 and turned to flee into a nearby alleyway.

Yee, loyal to his employers, raised the alarm. The man with the pistol turned and fired point-blank at the shroff, one bullet entering the abdomen, passing through and striking a pedestrian named Ting Woo-sung. Yee was taken to the hospital by a Chinese constable. The pedestrian, wounded in the right thigh, walked to the hospital. Yee died a few hours later.

Man Arrested.

The robbery and fatal shooting of the shroff was one of a series of armed robberies reported in the Settlement. In one highway robbery prompt work by the police resulted in the arrest of one of the robbers after they had seized a Chinese woman and forcibly removed a gold bangle from her arm. The robbery took place on Kiukiang Road. The robbers used an imitation pistol.

A Chinese doctor was called from his home late Tuesday night by two men who requested that he go with them to attend a sick friend. On Juikun Road the men were joined by two confederates and the doctor relieved of a gold watch valued at \$150.

A robbery at 174 Myburg Road, investigated by P. C. MacFarlane, resulted in the loss of money and jewellery totalling \$1,300. Six men, four armed with pistols, entered a dwelling house there and after securing the hands of the inmates ransacked the place.

Armed robbers were also reported at 910 Tong Dong Ka Loong and 117 Chaufoong Road.

OBITUARY.

MR. L. F. PATSTONE.

The death has occurred of Mr. L. F. Patstone, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Wootton and Patstone, architects and civil engineers, and a prominent member of the Shanghai American community.

Mr. Patstone passed away at 8 o'clock last Wednesday night at the Shanghai General Hospital after an illness of about two months.

Deceased has been a resident of Shanghai for several years, going there from Manila, where he was in the employ of the City of Manila as a civil engineer. After going to Shanghai he helped to establish the firm with which he was connected at the time of his death.

Mr. Patstone is survived in Shanghai by a wife, and leaves other relatives in Providence, Rhode Island, where he was born and spent his early years. He was a member of the local Lodge of the Shriners.

Mr. James Ellis.

Shanghai papers also announce the death of Mr. James Jamieson Ellis, for many years connected with the advertising staff of the

FIRST BISHOP OF SINGAPORE.

DEPARTURE AFTER LONG SERVICE.

GROWTH OF HIS DIOCESE.

The Bishop of Singapore, the Rt. Rev. Charles James Ferguson-Davie, and Mrs. Ferguson-Davie, O.B.E., have left Singapore on retirement from the East. Thus will come to an end the ministration of the first Bishop of Singapore, which has lasted over a period of 17½ years. With many difficulties in the way, mainly a lack of money, the Bishop has seen the diocese through the chrysalis stage until it has grown from something which was in a sense parochial to an all-embracing body, says the *Straits Times*, and continues:

The Bishop of Singapore has never courted what is generally known as "popularity," but he has made many friends particularly among those who have had reason to know how thoroughly he has carried out his task of setting this wide-flung diocese on its feet, and how conscientiously he has tackled a big task.

The Bishop of Singapore is the son of the late Rev. C. R. Ferguson-Davie and was born in 1872. Educated at Marlborough and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he was ordained in 1896. He was appointed curate of St. Paul, Preston, and remained there until 1899 when he became chaplain to the Bishop of Lahore. He was then engaged on missionary work at Rewari and Rawal Pindi until 1909 when he was appointed to the newly formed Bishopric of Singapore. He was married to Mrs. Ferguson-Davie in 1902.

Increase of Clergy.

Before the arrival of the Bishop, the Malay Peninsula was included in the Diocese of Sarawak, and, in an interview, His Lordship informed our representative that at that time there were about 11 European clergy in the Diocese, whereas by the end of this year there will be 17. The Asiatic clergy numbered two, and that number has now been brought up to 12; no small achievement when it is remembered that suitable candidates first of all have to be found, and then trained for the ministry. There were about four lady workers at that time, and now there are about 23.

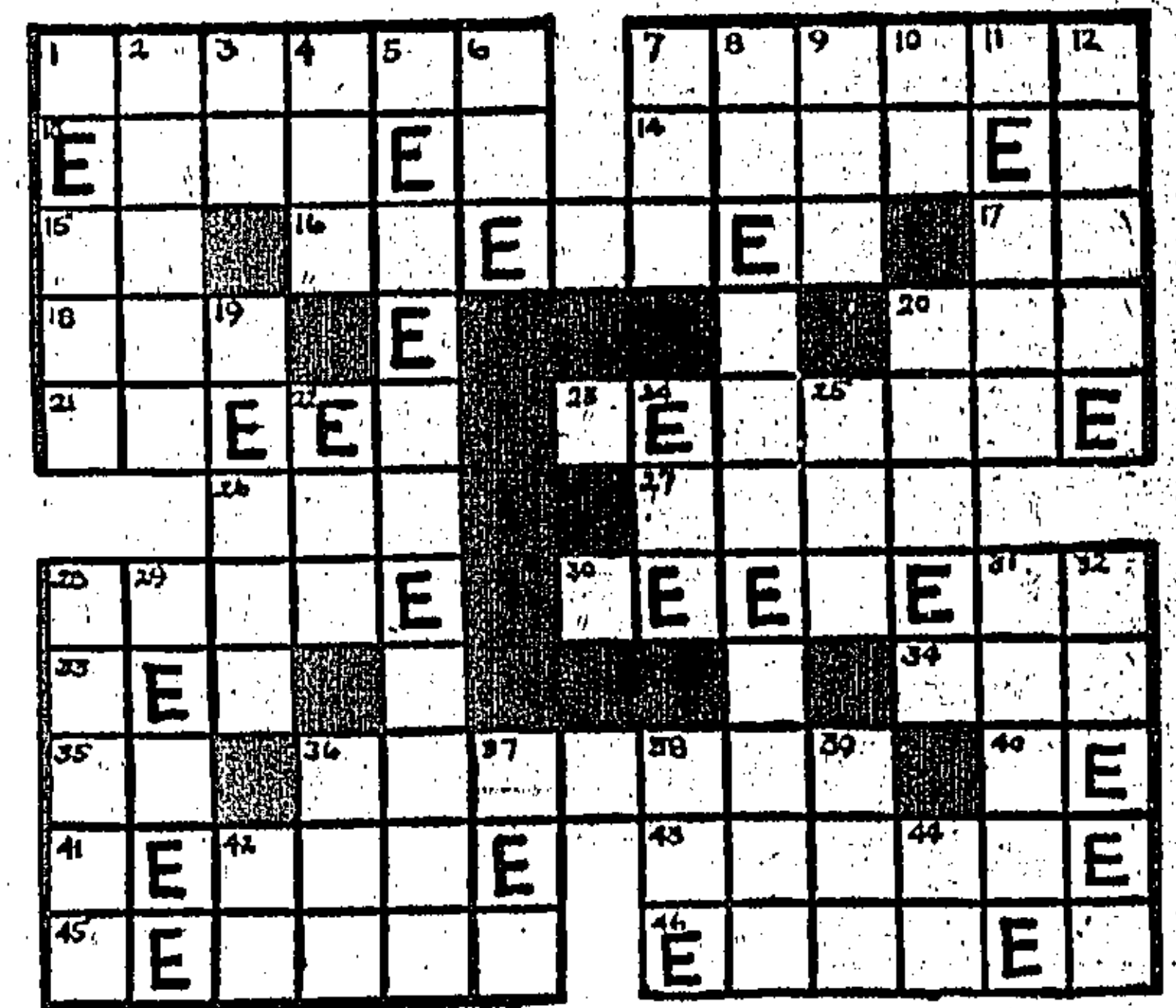
Mrs. Ferguson-Davie has been of the greatest assistance in carrying out the philanthropic work of the church. Her medical qualifications have enabled her to perform more than would have been possible otherwise, particularly at St. Andrew's Mission Hospital, in which she has taken a keen interest, and has been the moving spirit from the beginning. The reward of the work came in the King's Birthday Honours, when she was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Alipore, Sphinx, Antenor, President Lincoln, President Hayes, Solviken, Santha, Sandviken, Aki Maru, Van Heutz, Benledi, Orja, Shantung, Murotan Maru, Hakozaki Maru, Sumatra Maru, Malaya, Chaksang, Hosang, Helikon, Mishima Maru and Taikwa Maru.

China Press. "Mr. Ellis passed away on Tuesday night after a long illness, the result of an attack of scarlet fever from which he suffered many months ago."

Mr. Ellis was well liked in the newspaper fraternity in Shanghai and many will mourn his loss. He was also fortunate in a large circle of friends in many walks of life in Shanghai. He was only 26 years old, and leaves a wife to whom sincere sympathy is offered.

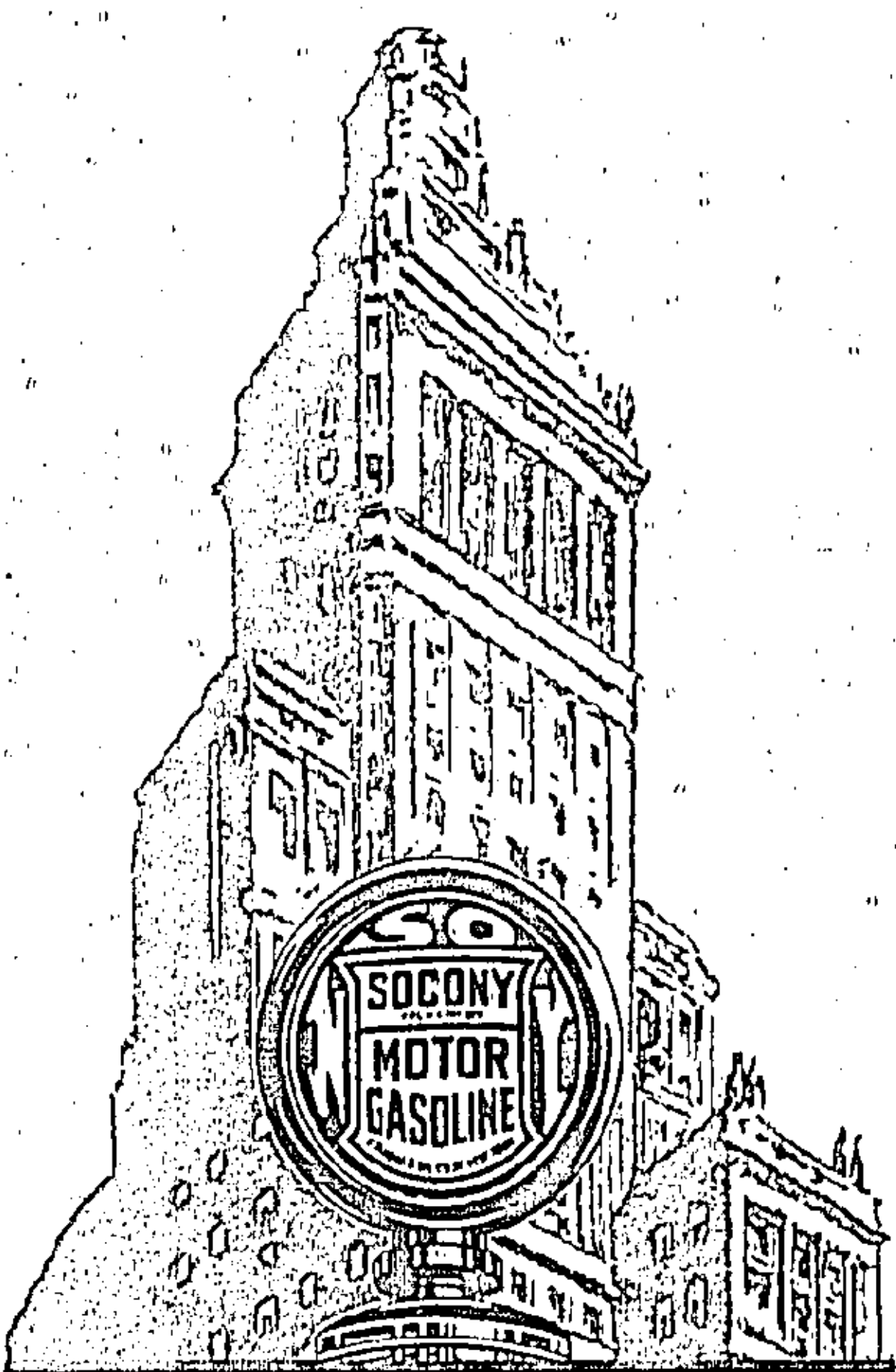
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- One-seeded winged fruit of the maple tree.
 - Swaggers.
 - Type of paint.
 - Got up.
 - Variant of "a"
 - Vindicated.
 - Negative.
 - Boy.
 - Drove bee.
 - To guide as a boat.
 - Formal reproach.
 - Fairy queen.
 - To lash.
 - Place of business.
 - Guards.
 - Writing implement.
 - To immerse as in water.
 - Above.
 - The heading of a chapter or an article.
 - Point of compass.
 - To esteem (with good or ill).
 - High piece of an armour.
 - Last six lines of a sonnet.
 - Discerned.
- Down.
- Fastens with wax.
 - Ecclesiastical law term.
 - Mother.
 - To reflect as light and heat.
 - Beer.
 - To sink in the middle.
 - Traitorous.
 - To free.
 - You and me.
 - General drift of thought.
 - To breathe loudly in sleep.
 - An evil spirit.
 - Chanted.
 - Organ of hearing.
 - Female sheep.
 - Point.
 - Stimulates.
 - Wigwag.
 - To wash lightly.
 - To hurry.
 - Incision.
 - To fondle.
 - Frozen water.
 - A sip of liquor.
 - Abbreviation for "postscript."
 - Syllable occasionally applied to seventh note of diatonic scale.
- Yesterday's Puzzle.
- SKINNY DEBRIS
TEN WAGON ANT
ELSE POT WIDE
APISH PORTENOR
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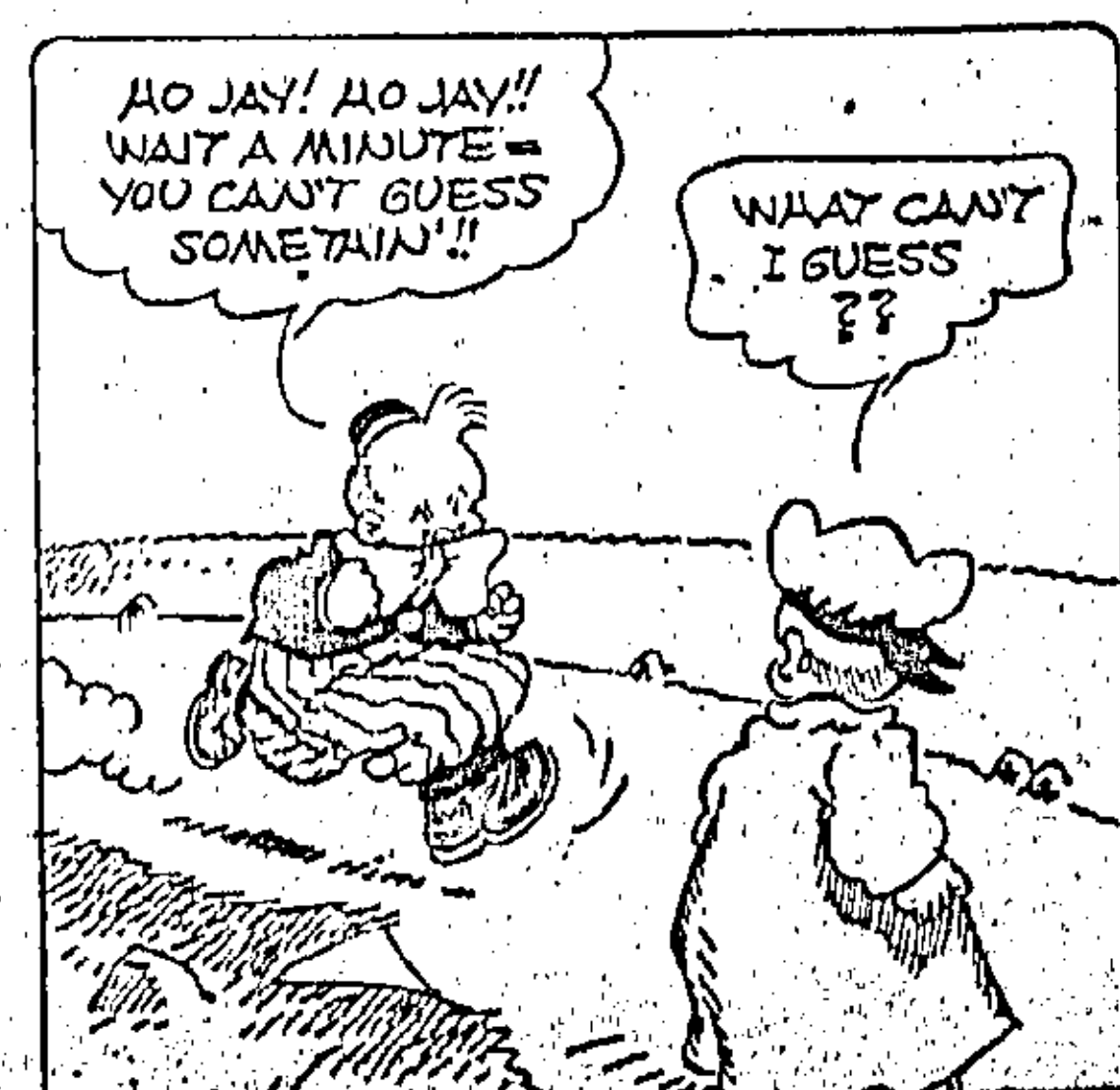
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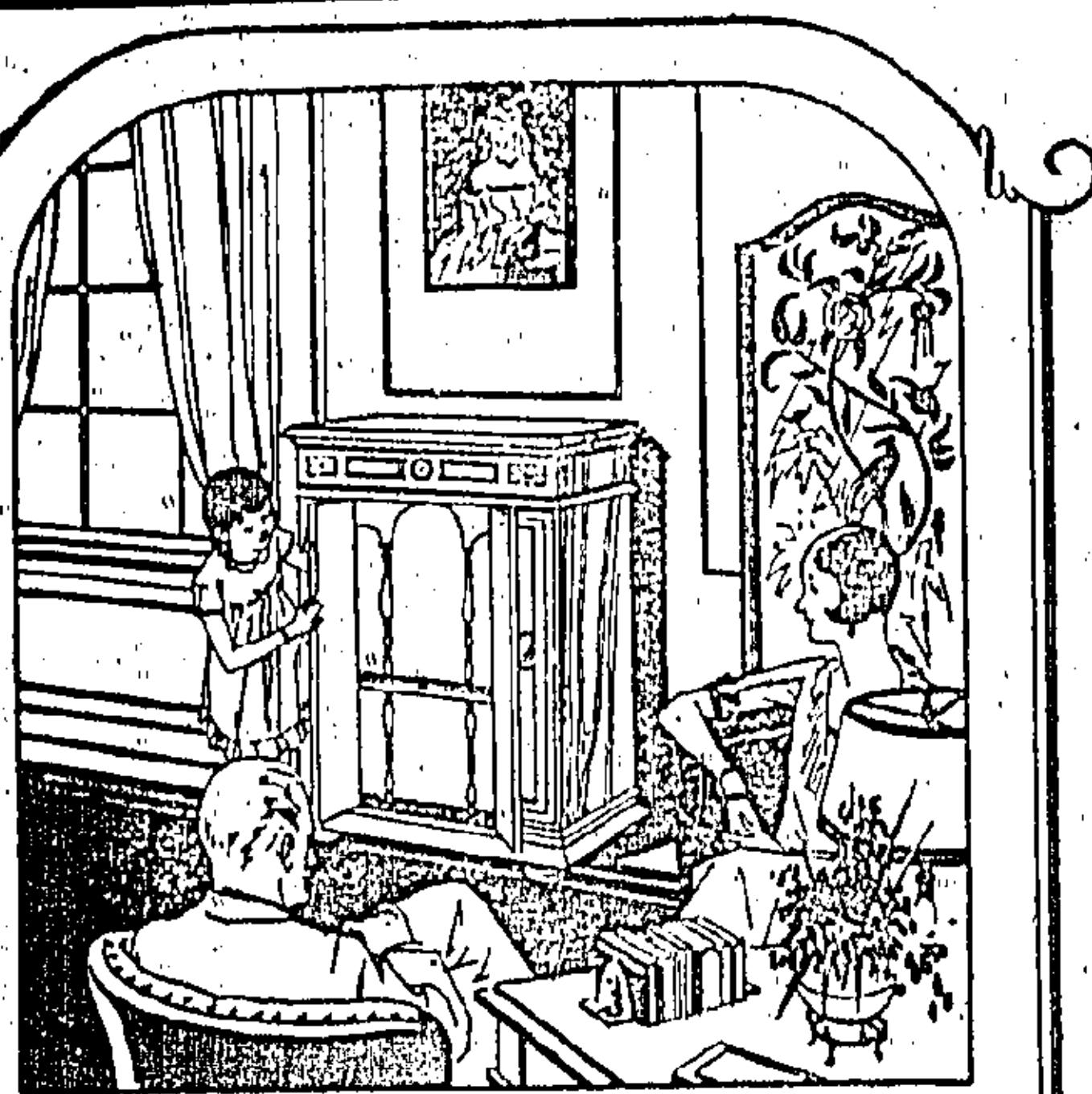
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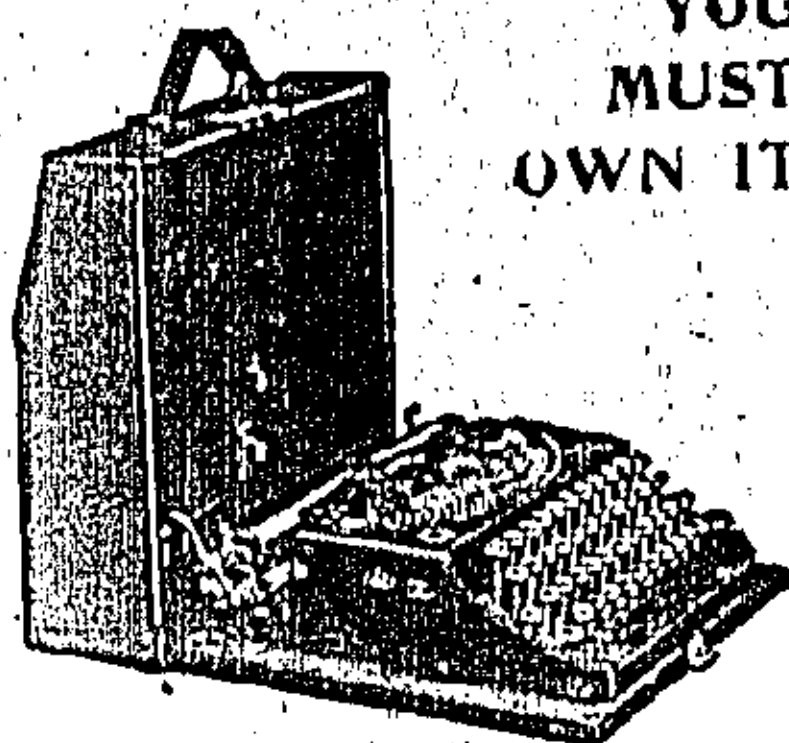
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The family of the late Mr. Jose
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to thank their many friends
and relatives for the kind in-
quiries and expressions of
sympathy shown them in their
recent bereavement and also
for their attendance at the
funeral.The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1927.

THE CRY OF THE
SLAVES.

The position of a slave is in any case a tragic one—a recent Foreign Office "White Book" calls it "Hell." But the mass misery and degradation of the 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 chattel slaves in, says Mr. John H. Harris, in an article recently contributed to the *Nation*, a tragedy of human woe that should enlist the energies of every liberty-loving man and woman in the great work of redemption. It is difficult to give figures of the exact number of slaves "owned as property" but in Abyssinia there are said to be two million, even upon a modest estimate, and there is evidence that many thousands of these slaves are subjected to cruelty. The country which contains the largest number of slaves next to Abyssinia is China, where the sale of slave children has for long been practised on a large scale. These two territories of China and Abyssinia are responsible for at least 4,000,000 slaves, but it is interesting to note that the League of Nations' Slavery Commission reported upon slavery as existing in varying degree in some nineteen countries. A good deal of interest centres just now in the Reports which certain Governments intend to make to the League of Nations next September. The British Government, it is already known, intends to give to the League of Nations a report of its own efforts in spheres under British influence, and if a full account of the work of liberation is given, it will show that over 250,000 slaves have been set free since the close of the war. First in order comes the mandated area of Tanganyika, where, according to official documents, there were, prior to the war, 185,000 slaves. The German Government found itself unable to set these slaves free because of the cost, it being estimated that to do so in 1915 would require £400,000, and in 1920, £275,000, for compensation to the owners. Under the British Mandate, slavery has been com-

pletely abolished throughout Tanganyika without any compensation to owners. Next in order is Nepal, where the Maharaja carried through, in record time, the complete emancipation of 53,000 slaves. More recently the work of Sir Harcourt Butler in the Burma "Triangle" has resulted in setting free something over 5,000 slaves, at a total cost to the Government of £15,000, but, unfortunately, not without the cost of the lives of courageous white and Indian officials. Thus it is clear that in States more or less within the British sphere of influence the last five years have witnessed a liberation movement as extensive and beneficial as any similar period in history.

The work of emancipation in China has not yet begun. China is still a member of the League of Nations, and is under obligation to report the progress of abolition to the Assembly in September of each year, but of one thing we can be quite confident, namely, that the Assembly will require something much more satisfactory than the reported decision to call slaves "in future," "adopted children." In Abyssinia the situation appears to be getting worse rather than better for the Regent is credibly reported to have suggested hiring out slaves to concessionaire planters, the payment for whose labour was to go to the owners, as a kind of compensation for liberating the slaves so employed at the end of five years. There is nothing, inherently improvable in this proposal for a massed leasing of slaves, because it is almost identical with proposals said to have been made to French concessionaires some two years ago, for the purpose of railway construction—in that case an undertaking was given to provide 25,000 slaves.

The one ray of hope for the slaves is the extent to which State members of the League have signed the Anti-Slavery Convention. Admittedly, this instrument is defective; admittedly, the test of success is not in the signing, but in the observance of its obligations, but the fact that a larger number of nations have signed this Convention than any other Convention prepared by the League, is distinctly encouraging. Nor is this all, for, owing to the foresight of Dr. Nansen, the clause inserted in the Convention which requires the presentation of annual reports and discussions in the Assembly each year will ensure that the voice of the miserable slave will stand some chance of being heard by civilization at least once a year. The next stage in the task of emancipation is crucial, namely, to secure an acceptance, somehow, of the contention that the slave trade is a crime of the same category as piracy. In the whole category of slavery literature it is difficult to find anything upon this feature of slave traffic more tersely and convincingly written than the admirable dispatch from Sir Austen Chamberlain to Sir Eric Drummond in May of last year. The contention of Britain's Foreign Secretary in that dispatch, and the burden of Lord Cecil's speeches in Geneva in September, last, was that slave-trading was not a traffic, but "a crime against the human race." It was altogether unfortunate, but, in all the circumstances, not surprising, that France, Italy and Portugal should strongly oppose this view. Yet it is useless to ignore the fact, that, until the British contention is generally accepted, the slave trade will continue to flourish. The door has been left open to the subject, for Article 3 of the new Slavery Convention definitely provides for another Convention dealing specifically with the "trading" in slaves on the high seas. But whatever Conventions are passed, it is hoped that public opinion will never surrender the

DAY BY DAY.

A TRUE AND GENUINE IMPUDENCE
IS EVER THE EFFECT OF IGNORANCE,
WITHOUT THE LEAST SENSE OF IT.—
Steele.It has now been decided to des-
patch the Empress of Canada from
here to Manila at 4 p.m. on Wed-
nesday.The are informed that Mrs.
A. T. Hamilton's concert will be
given at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.
on Friday evening as usual.The local weather forecast up
to noon to-morrow, issued by the
Royal Observatory, is: S.E. winds,
moderate; cloudy, some rain.Falling from a ladder on which
he was working, a Chinese shop
fok employed at 108, Wing Lok
Street, has been sent to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital suffering
from injuries to his legs and arms.Conductor Cotton, of the
R.A.O.C., has reported to the
police that some person stole from
his bedroom, yesterday, a wallet
containing \$5 in money. He re-
sides at the General Surgeon's
Mess in Wellington Barracks.Mr. Hughes, an engineer of the
s.s. Sandfield, now lying at No. 2
Wharf, Kowloon Godowns, reports
the loss from his cabin of a Web-
ley-Scott revolver and fifteen
rounds of ammunition. The re-
volver was lying in an unlocked
drawer.The officer in charge of Cheung
Chau police station states that
during the thunder storm on Sun-
day night, the station was struck
by lightning and all the electric
wires were fused. A live wire
fell in one of the desks in the
building, but fortunately no serious
damage was done and no one was
injured.British official contention that
"slave-trading" is a crime, involv-
ing criminal penalties, and that
slaves discovered in transit should
instantly be set at liberty.

China To-day.

The average commentator on China usually tries to be optimistic. There is always hope for a country so long as nothing actually disastrous has taken possession of its entire administration. There has always appeared to be hope for China, and a great deal of importance has been attached to the possibilities of a unified government. On looking back over the past five years, during which one has commented from time to time on the China situation as it appeared, striving to penetrate the kaleidoscopic scenes and reach the core of the matter, it is revealed that this has always been the central motif—the great day, to which all looked forward, when China would have a Central Government, and be stabilised as a world entity. Hope dies hard, and it has taken a long series of disappointments to suggest the final dashing of all expectations. There were great expectations, and therefore "what a fall is there!" Pessimism is inexcusable if prolonged, yet most commentators these days may be forgiven if they strike a note of gloom. Despite the extremist associations of his party, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, once he appeared to be winning the country to his side, actually took the place in imagination of the figure that was to appear and unite the country, binding the various clans and provincial races together with the cord of a common national feeling. One could hardly liken him to a Cromwell, or, to come to more modern comparisons, a Mussolini, yet he had the makings of a great patriot, and the only success on a large scale that any commander could claim since the days of the Chinese Revolution. To give Chiang his due, he may still be ambitious of unifying the country under an honest, capable regime, but if so it is to be feared that he is already a disappointed man. The new turn of events may have balked him, but it merely serves to emphasise how well-high impossible it is for any single individual to obtain perfect allegiance, and whole-hearted co-operation. The utter corruption prevailing throughout the country so far as most of the leaders, civil and military, are concerned, makes the effort to bring the country under one administration almost superhuman. The township system, the bitter rivalries, the abandonment to self-seeking and absolute disregard of self-sacrifice, are so evident everywhere, that one may be readily excused for despairing of reform. The salt revenues, the super-taxes, all portend the same thing—a grasping of the wherewithal to prolong the civil strife, leading nowhere, continuously re-oriented, forming a veritable maze of wars within wars, circles within circles, and apparently never-ending. Well might the observer exclaim, "What a land of wasted energy! What opportunities thrown away!"

STEALING ELECTRIC
CURRENT.OFFENCE MUST BE PROVED
AGAINST A PERSON.At the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, Mr. W. Schofield deliver-
ed judgment in the case wherein
a partner of the Chun Kwong
Restaurant of Woosung Street, was
charged with the larceny of elec-
tric current by tampering with
three meters installed at the pre-
mises of the restaurant.His Worship said that he had
a consultation with the Crown
Solicitor on the legal questions
raised. The prosecution argued
that this case came under the
same ruling as an offence against
the Opium or Liquor Ordinances,
where special provision was made
placing all responsibility on the
licensee.In the case under review,
however, the offence came under
the Larceny Ordinance and the
theft, like that of a jacket, had to
be brought home to the offender.
In this case the prosecution had
failed to prove larceny against the
defendant and he was accordingly
discharged.His Worship intimated to Mr.
Armstrong, who appeared for the
prosecution, that his remedy ap-
peared to be in the Civil Court.Mr. G. R. Hayward conducted
the defence.TROOP ENTERTAIN-
MENTS.

A FULL WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

A very attractive programme for
the current week has been ar-
ranged in connexion with the
"Cheer O" and "Better Ole"
Y.M.C.A.s at Hongkong and Kow-
loon.At the "Cheer O" there is to be
a concert to-night, a whist drive
to-morrow night and an informal
dance on Thursday, whilst at the
Peking Road establishment there
is a whist drive for to-night, a con-
cert to-morrow night and a sing-
ing with singing competition on
Thursday.On Friday there is to be a grand
concert given in the City Hall by
the "I-Pans" party, assisted by the
Band of the Camerons, and on
Saturday afternoon there is to be
a launch picnic.THE HEALTH RETURN
FOR LAST WEEK.FOUR BRITISH CASES OF
ENTERIC FEVER.The persistence of enteric fever
is observed in the return of noti-
fiable diseases for last week in
Hongkong. It also suggests an
extension among the European
community.There were six cases of enteric
reported, four of these being
British and two Chinese. Three
deaths from this disease also oc-
curred during the week. The
cases reported came from the
city district (four), from Kowloon
and Shaikwan.There was also one Chinese case
of scarlet fever, with one death.
One case of diphtheria and one
of cerebro-spinal fever, both Chi-
nese, were reported yesterday.POLICE CONFISCATE
TOY PISTOL.SEQUEL TO AN ARMED
ROBBERY.There was a sequel at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
to the trial and subsequent con-
viction of three men, at the Crimi-
nal Sessions yesterday, who were
each sentenced to three years hard
labour on a charge of complicity
in an armed robbery, committed
at No. 27, Kowloon City Road, in
May last.Sub-Inspector Fallon made an
application before Mr. W. Scho-
field this morning for the confis-
cation of the toy pistol which was
used in the robbery.

The necessary order was made.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, July 18.

Paris	124
New York	4.85 17/32
Brussels	24.93
Geneva	25.22 1/2
Amsterdam	12.11 15/16
Milan	89.55
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.12 1/2
Copenhagen	18.15 1/2
Oslo	18.80
Vilna	34.50 1/2
Prague	105 1/2
Helsingfors	28.43 1/2
Madrid	2 15/32
Lisbon	387 1/2
Athens	810
Bucharest	5 27/32
Rio	47 25/32
Buenos Aires	1 1/4
Bombay	2 1/4
Shanghai	2 1/4
Hongkong	2 1/4
Yokohama	1 1/11 9/32
Silver (Spot and Forward)	20

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The foreign gentleman burst
into the hotel manager's office in a
rage."What does it mean?" he cried.
"You have put in my room a pan
of water and some dog biscuits!
It is insult to me!"The manager was surprised and
sent for his man."John," said the manager se-
verely, "why have you put water
and dog biscuits for this gentle-
man's meal?""Well, sir," said the man, "you
clearly said 'Get room No. 9 ready
for an Alsatian!'""I have only 2s. 6d. a day. I
was married last Saturday, and I
have to help to keep my mother-
in-law," said William George Ben-
tley, aged twenty-one, a porter, who
was accused at the Mansion House
Police Court of stealing forks and
spoons from a cafe.The magistrate, Alderman Sir C.
Johnston, appealed to the proba-
tion officer to help Bentley.
"Goodness knows," he said, "our
gaols are full enough, and I cannot
find it in my heart to send this boy
to prison."Bentley was placed on proba-
tion.Willesden woman: She said to
me "Come and have a fight," and,
naturally enough, I went as any
woman would.Man at a London court: She
says things I dare not repeat.
Magistrate: As for instance?
Man: Well, she said, "You're a
gentleman," but she down-right
sneered.Solicitor at Bow County Court:
Where is your husband?—Wo-
man: Trying his hand at a little
work for once.Magistrate at Willesden: What
is his employment?—Witness:
Liquid air.Woman fined for drunkenness at
Stratford: I always plead guilty
if I am in the wrong.A man summoned at a London
court for the non-payment of in-
come-tax said that he was assessed
as unmarried, but he had a wife
and two sons—Collector: And
one son is forty-seven.

Recently while a governess was
reclining on the beach at Cada-
ques, 30 miles from Gerona, read-
ing a book, a gigantic octopus sud-
denly emerged from the sand and
thrust its tentacles around her. A
terrific battle ensued between the
woman and the monster, and it
was only after a long struggle
that she managed to extricate her-
self from her coat, with which the
octopus bore off to sea, while the
woman fell fainting on the beach.

The lady was waiting to buy a
ticket at the cinema palace, when
a stranger bumped her.

She glared at him, feeling it was
done intentionally.

"Well," he growled, "don't eat
me up."

"You are in no danger," she
said, "I am a Jewess."

Broadcasting will not oust the
printed word.—Lord Riddell.

Great fortunes demand great
deeds.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

I am not very much in love with
democracy at present.—Mrs. Annie
Besant.

Men have not touched the fringe
of the psychology of selling to wo-
men.—Mrs. C. A. Hog.

Before long the delusion of tal-
ent will vanish into the limbo of
witchcraft and the devil age.—Dr.
A. Adler.

Judge Crawford at Southend
County Court, refused to accept
the statement of a hairdresser that
rimes were bad for him.

"I should think," added the
judge, "that every woman and girl
in England almost has been bob-
bed or shingled during the last
year or so."

The hairdresser replied that he
did not undertake that kind of
work.

Judge Crawford: Then I should
advise you to start. You will soon
have a queue of these silly women
outside your shop.

Flapper Motor Driver (after the
accident)—"It was all your fault.
I've been driving carefully, I've
had two years' experience."

Old Gent (picking himself up)—
"But I've always walked carefully.
I've had sixty-eight years' experi-
ence."

Charges of dangerous driving
and passing a motor bus in a con-
trolled area were preferred
against Mr. G. Boisius before Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon Ma-
gistracy yesterday afternoon.
Inspector McWalter, prosecuting,
said that he was a passenger on
the bus and saw the defendant,
after tooting his horn suddenly
dash past and swerve sharply in
front of the public vehicle, caus-
ing it to turn to the left. In do-
ing so the bus narrowly missed
hitting a tree and just avoided
colliding with the defendant's car.
A fine of \$10 was imposed on the
charge of passing a vehicle in a
controlled area, the other being
dismissed.

AMERICANS ASK FOR TIME.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN REACH A BASIS.

RATIO FOR BIG CRUISERS.

London, July 18. Admiral Jellicoe, who has returned from Geneva owing to the serious illness of his brother, conferred with Mr. Baldwin for an hour. Admiral Beatty was present.—*Reuter*.

Geneva, July 18. It is understood that Mr. W. C. Bridgeman is awaiting authority from home before accepting the Anglo-Japanese agreement mentioned yesterday, on the subject of a compromise on cruiser tonnage and armament, which was secretly discussed to-day with the Americans.

12-12-8 Ratio. According to well-informed circles, both British and Japanese, in London, the basis of the discussions at Geneva is the 12-12-8 ratio for 10,000 ton cruisers, apart from which the total tonnage for smaller cruisers and destroyers was discussed.

Britain at present has fourteen 10,000 ton cruisers built or being built, and one projected, so an agreement on the 12-12-8 ratio would mean that Britain would sacrifice three or four ships.—*Reuter*.

British-U. S. Conference.

At a private house in the outskirts of the city of Geneva, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman submitted to Mr. Hugh Gibson the proposed Anglo-Japanese agreement, which Mr. Gibson asked for time to examine carefully.

It is understood that there are two or three fundamental differences between the Anglo-Japanese plan and the American, especially as regards the number of big cruisers, the calibre of guns, and the number of submarines.

Apparently the Americans do not favour the 12-12-8 ratio for 10,000 ton cruisers, and do not regard six-inch guns adequate in the case of the small cruisers.—*Reuter*.

Private Discussions.

London, July 18. The chiefs of the British, American, and Japanese naval delegations, Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Gibson, and Viscount Ishii, met again at Geneva this morning.

Lord Jellicoe, who has been attending the Naval Limitation Conference, has returned to London, and with Earl Beatty visited Downing Street to-day.

The two Admirals had over an hour's conversation with the Premier. Other present included Earl Balfour and Sir Austen Chamberlain.

An official communique issued at Geneva states that, following the discussion in the plenary meeting, and acting on a suggestion they made that one of the chief difficulties was to reconcile the views of the British and Japanese delegations, conversations have been proceeding between the three Powers with respect to auxiliary surface craft, with the purpose of bridging those differences.

Progress has been sufficiently encouraging to warrant a further examination of the matter in detail.

Comparative Figures.

Colonel Headlam, for the Admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, gave comparative figures of British capital ships on December 31, 1913, and July 1, 1927.

At the former date, 58 battleships were built and 14 were building, while 9 battle-cruisers were built and one was building, a total of 82.

At the latter date, 14 battleships were built and two were building, while four battle-cruisers were built and none was building, a total of 20.

Replying to another question, Colonel Headlam stated that the enormous British merchant ship tonnage lost during the war by the action of enemy cruisers, enemy submarines, mines, and other causes, was a total of 7,830,855 tons, and this did not include the merchant ships seized in enemy ports on the outbreak of war.—*British Wireless*.

ALLEGED CRUELTY.

INSANE CHILD IN CHAINS.

An insane Chinese child, living at No. 3 Yuk Ming Street, second floor, West Point, was alleged to have been chained up and to have sustained knocks on the head, when two women appeared on a cruelty charge before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Inspector P. Grant prosecuted.

The first defendant admitted that she was the mother of the child and the second said she was a relative. She added that the mother asked her to help chain up the child, which was admitted. The defendants were remanded, bail which was originally \$100 each being reduced to \$50 each.

COOLIES WHO DROVE A LORRY.

A SMASH-UP AT REPULSE BAY.

STATIONARY TRAM-CAR.

During the hearing of traffic cases, before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. W. Smith, of the Hongkong Electric Company, was summoned for driving car No. 1724 past a stationary tram car near No. 2 Police Station.

When asked to plead, the defendant asked which way the tram-car was going as there were two sets of rails.

Sub-Inspector James said both the tram-car and car were going in a westerly direction at the Praya East.

The defendant replied that the stopping place for the tram cars going West was to the East or North side of No. 2 Police Station. He added that he did not understand how Sub-Inspector James could have seen him, if he was at the door of the Police Station.

His Worship: I don't think that matters. You mustn't pass a stationary tram-car wherever it stops.

Mr. Smith: Supposing I did. I am not admitting that I did pass it, but how could he (Sub-Inspector James) have seen?

Sub-Inspector James went into the witness box and was about to be sworn when the defendant said he admitted passing the tram-car, but said he wished to stress the fact that there were no passengers round the entrance or exit at the time, as they had all got clear. "After all," he continued, "the law is framed for the protection of the passengers and not for the tram-car."

Major Willson remarked he would impose a fine of \$10.

Lorry Smashed.

How a P.W.D. lorry was damaged to the extent of about \$700, at Repulse Bay, when an unauthorised coolie attempted to drive the vehicle after it had been left unattended for a few minutes by the licensed driver, was revealed when two coolies appeared to answer summonses.

The first defendant was charged with driving the lorry without a license, and without the permission of the P.W.D. The second man was charged with aiding and abetting in both cases.

When the second charge was read out, the first defendant asked, "Was it a two-wheeled lorry or had it four wheels?"

The second defendant said he saw the first man had got himself into a dangerous position with the lorry, so he went to render assistance.

His Worship: And the result of your help was that the lorry ran into a tree.

Giving evidence, the licensed driver, Cheung Fat, employed by the P.W.D., said he drove some coolies to work at Stubbs' Road and then continued to Repulse Bay with six or seven others.

On arriving at Repulse Bay he left the lorry for about five minutes, and on returning saw the first defendant sitting in the driver's seat holding the wheel, with the second defendant sitting beside him. The first man was driving.

Did Not Stop. Witness signalled to them to stop but they took no notice and witness ran after the lorry with the intention of boarding it and pulling it up, but before he could do so the lorry ran against a tree.

Witness asked the first defendant who gave him permission to drive, and he replied that the second man cranked the engine up for him.

Mr. E. P. Fletcher, mechanical engineer of the P.W.D., said that a report was received and a breakdown lorry sent to the scene. That lorry returned however, with the news that new parts would be wanted before the damaged vehicle could be moved. The parts were accordingly sent out.

When witness visited the scene, he found the lorry to be badly damaged, including the front axle badly bent, steering gear broken, radiator damaged, and the crank case smashed. The total damage, he said, was estimated at \$700.

In reply to his Worship witness said the first man was a coolie employed by the P.W.D., but he had no authority to drive the lorry. The second man was not an employee and was therefore not even entitled to be on the lorry at all.

When asked if they had anything to say, both the defendants blamed each other, the first man alleging that the second man put the lorry in motion, and the second man saying he had nothing to do with it.

On the first charge, the first defendant was fined \$50 or four weeks, and on the second \$25 or 14 days. The second defendant was fined \$25 on each of the charges of aiding and abetting.

Dangerous Driving. A Chinese, who was summoned for driving his motor cycle in a

CIGARETTES FIGURE IN CLAIM.

ALLEGED BREACH OF A CONTRACT.

DEPOSIT BUT NO CARGO.

Cigarettes, which it was stated had never arrived, figured prominently in a case which was heard in the Summary Court this morning, when the Honesty Company claimed \$388 from the China Canadian Commercial Agency, being the balance due from a sum of \$1,000, the amount deposited by the plaintiffs with the defendants for the security of a contract which was cancelled.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiff firm, and in opening the case said a contract was entered into on March 10, 1926. By this the plaintiffs were appointed by the defendants to be selling agents in Hongkong, Macao and South China for Macdonald cigarettes. Plaintiffs deposited \$1,000 with the defendants on consideration of this contract.

Under the contract, the selling agents were to be supplied with at least fifty cases of 10,000 cigarettes every month, from three months after the signing of the contract. The contract also provided that the deposit should be returned to the plaintiffs on the termination of the contract.

Not Forthcoming. As no cargo arrived within a month or so, the plaintiff firm wrote a letter to the defendants. The reply stated that the goods would arrive at a later date.

Defendants then entered into an undertaking that if the cigarettes had not arrived before July, the contract would be regarded as cancelled, and the deposit returned.

Defendants wrote to the plaintiff firm on May 7 stating that a consignment of cigarettes had arrived, but although plaintiffs made several applications for the cargo it was not forthcoming. It was understood, continued Mr. Russ, that no cargo actually arrived, but that a letter had been received stating that the cigarettes were on the way.

It was later mutually agreed by the parties that the agreement was cancelled. The defendants started to pay back the deposit advanced by the plaintiffs and the amount claimed now was for the amount outstanding.

Mr. Russ added that he understood there were two defences in the action. The first was that the whole of the deposit had been repaid and the second was that a cheque had been accepted by the plaintiffs marked, "In entire satisfaction of claim." The latter, it was claimed, constituted an estoppel of the defendants from paying further.

Mr. Russ was about to discuss legal questions when Mr. W. B. Hind, appearing for the defendant firm, said that he was not proceeding with the defence, but was relying on a statement of fact that the whole of the deposit of \$1,000 had in fact been repaid either in money or in the supply of goods by the defendants to the plaintiffs. The case is proceeding.

MADE A CAT'S-PAW BY A FRIEND.

FINE FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION.

A passenger returning from America by the s.s. President Hayes was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, with having in his possession 157 rounds of ammunition and several spare pistol parts.

The defendant claimed that the box in which these were found was given to him to bring to China, by a friend whose name appeared on the cover, with the defendant's own surname on one side.

His Worship remarked that there was little evidence of guilty knowledge, and he could not inflict a heavier penalty than a fine of \$250, which was accordingly imposed.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

WHAT OF THE ROOF?

The following is from the July number of the *Yellow Dragon*, just issued:—

The four fans installed at the corners of the Hall have made little difference. A large one suspended from the centre of the roof might help, but, would the roof stand it.

It is rumoured that each time the rain gauge records two inches of rain the weight of water causes such a strain on the roof that it is seen to bend.

Of course no accurate measurements have been made.

Dangerous manner was stated by Traffic Sgt. Baker to have averaged 35 to 36 m.p.h. from Murray Barracks to Tai Wong Street.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

A GREAT PIANIST.

COMING TO HONGKONG SOON.

On Saturday, August 6th, and Monday, August 8th, Hongkong is to be favoured with pianoforte recitals by that world-famous pianist, Benno Moiseiwitsch, who is due to play in the Theatre Royal on the days named.

The name of Moiseiwitsch is household in the musical world, and there will doubtless be large audiences to hear such an artist. Moiseiwitsch was born at Odessa, Russia, on February 22nd, 1890, his birthday being on the same day as that of Chopin. His education was begun at the Imperial Musical Academy, Odessa, under Professor D. D. Klomoff, and he won the stipendiary prize of Rubenstein, the great pianist who was also Joseph Hofmann's teacher, at the age of nine, later going to Vienna to study under Leschetizky.

His American debut occurred in Carnegie Hall, New York, a few seasons ago. A pianist of exceptional brilliance, power and passion, his success was assured from the first, and the public has always been enthusiastic when he appears. In these days and times New York reviewers are not apt to speak of newcomers in superlative terms, but Moiseiwitsch proved a surprising exception. His playing revealed so many sides that he drew comparisons with all the present day masters of the pianoforte. Henry T. Finck of the *Evening Post* claimed him as being the master of the art of creating art. From the pen of H. E. Krehbiel of the *Tribune*, whose experience as a listener and a critic carried him past the half century mark, penned the following summary: "Moiseiwitsch made one of the frankest bids for general judgment that it has been our privilege to observe. The late James Hunker, a pianist himself, in his comment in the *New York World*, was first attracted with the pianist's beautiful touch. He also claimed him more than a mere technician, but a player with brains, a soul, as well as the fleetest of fingers."

In every city he has appeared since, and on every occasion, he has been greeted in like manner. In popularity it is very doubtful if any living pianist is dearer to those who know him.

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Burglars managed to make an entry to a shop at 352, Queen's Road Central last night by breaking away the iron bars of a window in the kitchen. They stole money and jewellery to the value of \$213.80. The police have since been notified.

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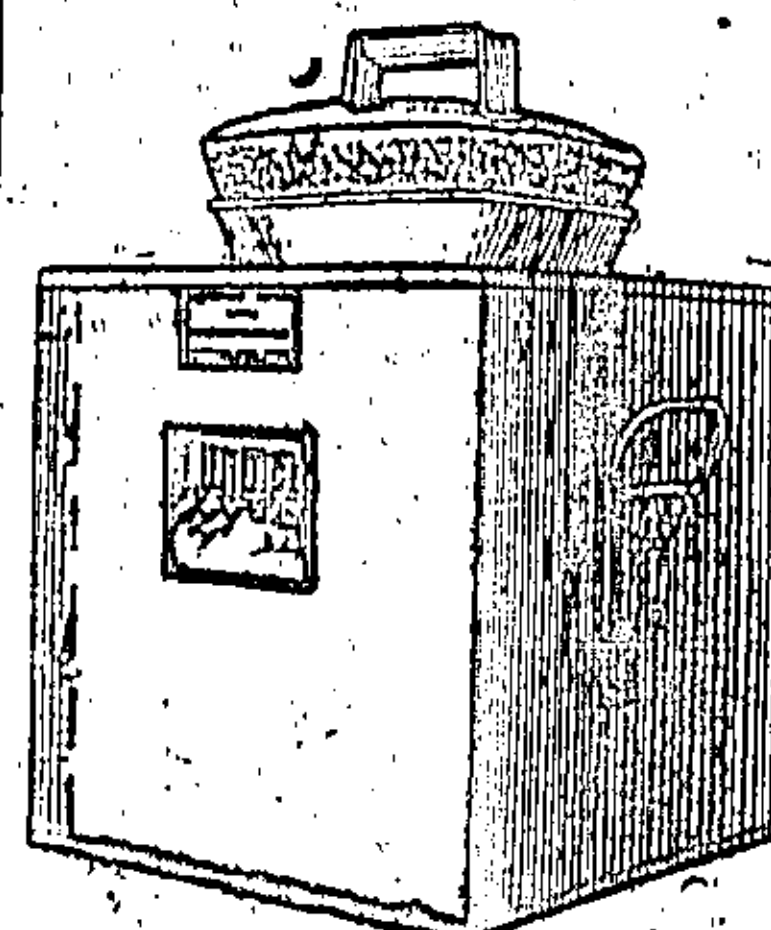
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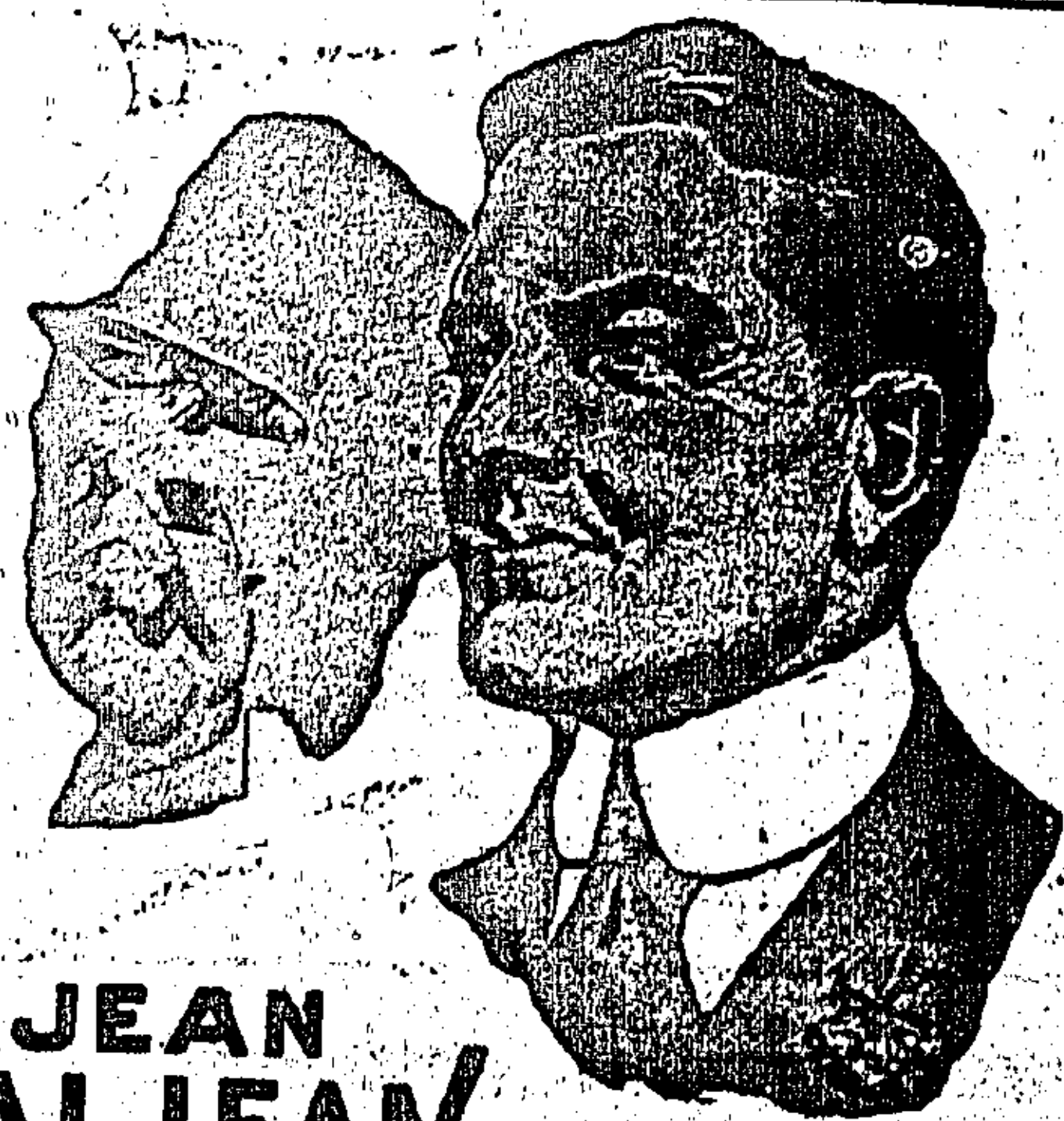
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WOMAN ROBBED OF £40,000.

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The country home of Mr. C. J. Schmidlapp, vice-president of the Chase National Bank, was robbed at Millneck, Long Island, of jewels valued at more than £40,000 (says the *Daily Express*) by an unknown gang, who, the police believe, may be the same "Raffles" band that robbed Mr. Jesse Livermore's house, and seem to have marked Long Island's millionaire residents for their special victims.

Mrs. Schmidlapp returned from a party at 1 a.m. wearing part of her magnificent collection of jewels, including a necklace of 225 pearls, valued at £28,000, a 22 carat ruby ring valued at £6,000, three bracelets of diamonds and rubies valued at £4,800, and other smaller gems.

Mrs. Schmidlapp was tired, and instead of locking the jewels in the safe she left them in a box in the bathroom. The servants found the box empty next morning. The bathroom window was open, and footprints were visible in the mud below the window.

The police believe that Mrs. Schmidlapp was observed at a dinner party by a "gentleman" thief, who notified his confederates, followed her home, and secured the jewels.

THREE-IN-ONE DANCE.

MIXTURE SUPERSEDES THE CHARLESTON.

Were I asked to name the dance of the moment among those who are considered to be our best dancers, I would say that it is made up of a modified form of the quick-time fox-trot, done smoothly, not rhythmically as formerly, a bit of flat—very flat—Charleston and an occasional side step which, though not actually Black Bottom, suggests that dance, says a London writer. This is done whenever the band plays fast, but when the slow time comes along—and it does quite frequently nowadays, especially at a big West End hotel—either the simple slow fox-trot steps are used or we get a return to the Blues with a kind of Black Bottom as the basic movement.

The Charleston as a complete dance from the first note of the music to the last is practically dead. Such Black Bottom as one sees is done without the ugly hip movement which really belongs to the solo version of the dance.

The dance I have indicated and the new "outside hesitations" of the waltz are undoubtedly the popular things of the moment, and look like providing the dances for next winter.

LEAGUE OF EMPIRE.

EX-SERVICEMEN IN ONE ORGANISATION.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig, Grand President, presided over the third biennial conference of the British Empire Service League in London recently. There was a crowded attendance, and all parts of the Empire were represented.

The League is an organisation of associations whose members have served in the Empire's Forces. It was founded at a conference of Empire delegates, who assembled in South Africa at Lord Haig's invitation six years ago, and its field of activity now covers the whole Empire.

Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, opening the conference, referred to Empire migration.

When Parliament passed the Empire Settlement Act five years ago, he said, what it contemplated was not a measure by which Governments should endeavour to shift people in the mass. Settlement must in the main be a matter for the individual if he was to succeed. What was hoped was that Parliament would be creating facilities of which Governments and private organisations would avail themselves in order to see to it that those who wished to settle overseas, and who were fitted for life in the Dominions and Colonies should have every chance of making good in lands where they would not only be under the old flag, but would find a home-like welcome awaiting them.

Sir Abe Bailey's Gift.

All the work must necessarily depend in a very large measure upon the help of individuals. One form of migration more helpful than any other was nominated migration, under which the home Government knew that the settler went out with the prospect of having someone to help him at the other end.

From the point of view of the Government at the other end they had a sponsor for the new settler who would vouch for his character and his willingness to work and help him in his difficulties.

The chance of their having an unemployed or unemployable person on their hands was thus reduced to a minimum. In this respect the Empire Service League could be of enormous benefit.

Mr. Amery urged that one of the best ways of helping Empire settlement was for citizens of the home country to purchase Empire products in increasing measure.

Sir Abe Bailey, a South African delegate, announced amid applause his desire to give 20 plots of 500 acres each in Rhodesia for settlement purposes.

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Earl Haig, speaking later, said he doubted if it had yet been fully realised by the general public in these islands how very great was the work of the armies of the

ROBBERY AT HUNGHOM.

THREE MEN SENT TO PRISON.

"I did not go to rob, but just went into the house to steal" was the way in which a prisoner's remark was interpreted at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks.

Three men were charged with robbery at a Chinese shop with domestic premises attached near Hunghom, and they denied the charge. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

Both the second and third prisoners said they were merely passing by when they were arrested.

All three were found guilty, and were sentenced to three years' hard labour.

British Empire in the war. The national tendency to belittle our own achievements had led us as a nation to ascribe our victory to anything rather than the true cause—namely, the inherent fighting qualities of all ranks of the British armies, and the endurance, loyalty, and discipline of the British peoples in all parts of the world. (Hear, hear.)

If America had not come in we might not, perhaps have forced the enemy to surrender in 1918, for without the American reserves in existence it would have been unwise for us to risk throwing the whole forces of the British army in France and Flanders into the tremendous series of battles which brought the war to a sudden end; but we should have won in the end all the same.

Germany's Two Mistakes.

As regarded the mistakes of our enemies his own private opinion was that the enemy made only two serious mistakes—the first when he began the war under conditions which brought the British Empire into it; and the second when he lost it. (Laughter.)

As for our Allies, but for them and the sacrifices which they made in the opening year of the war we might never have been given time to mobilise the armies of the Empire, and for that we owed a deep debt of gratitude to our Allies and perhaps also to the special providence which presided over the destinies of the improvident, and which we could never sufficiently acknowledge.

Yet when all was said and done the fact remained, and must one day be acknowledged, that for the last eighteen months of the struggle the British armies in France and the armies of the Empire carried on their shoulders and carried to victory the main burden of the war. In the course of the greatest war in history the British peoples mobilised, equipped, trained, and put into the field the finest fighting force which the world had yet seen. (Applause.)

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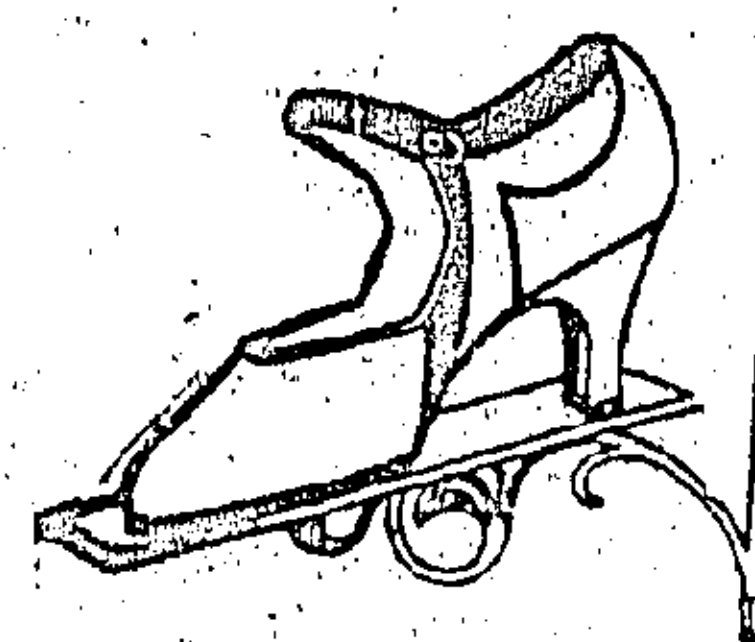
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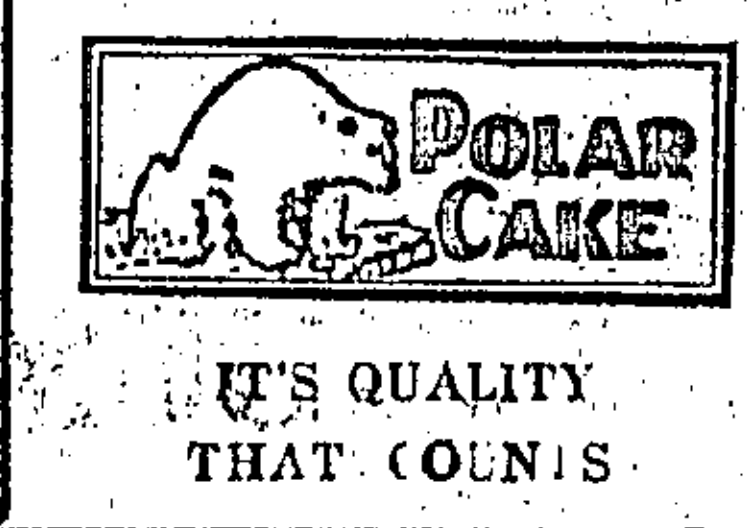
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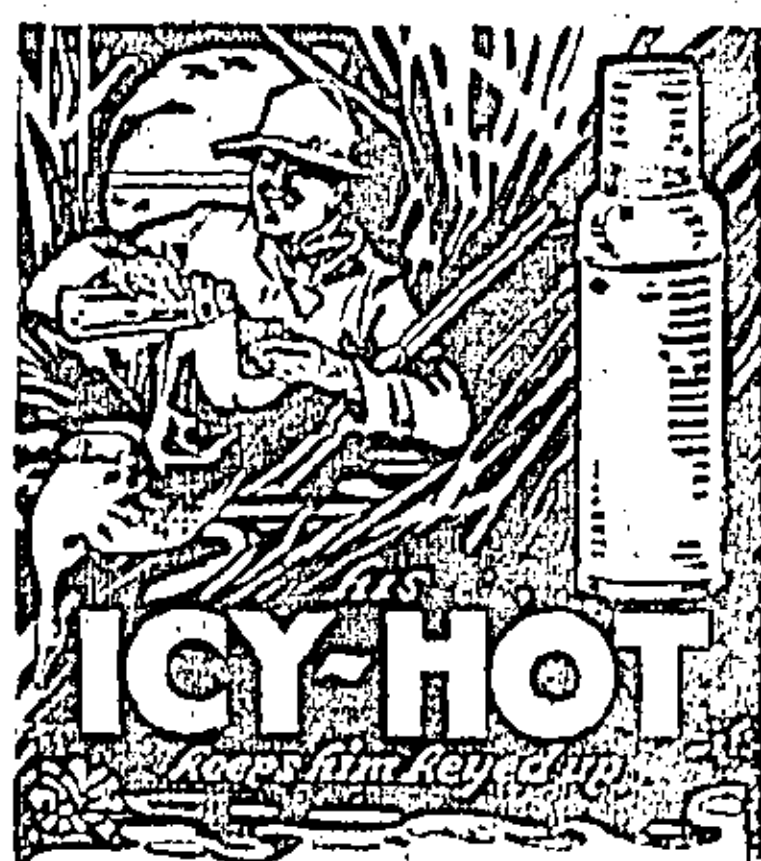
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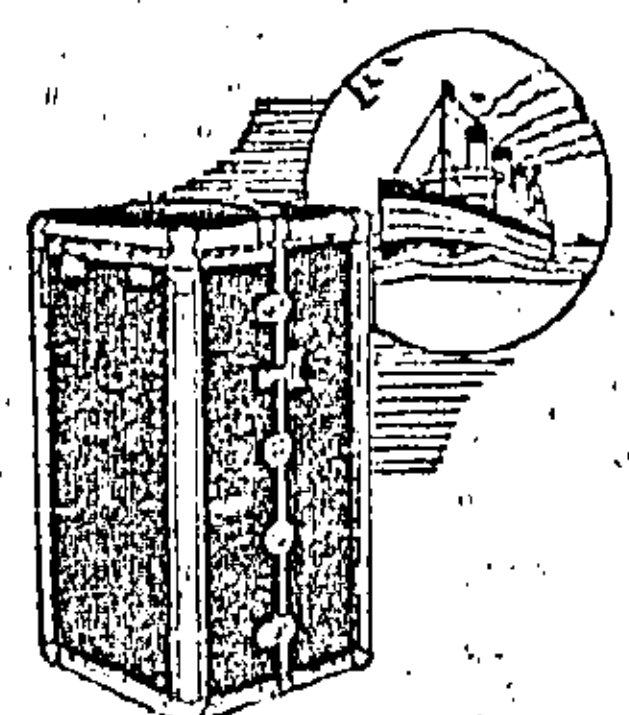
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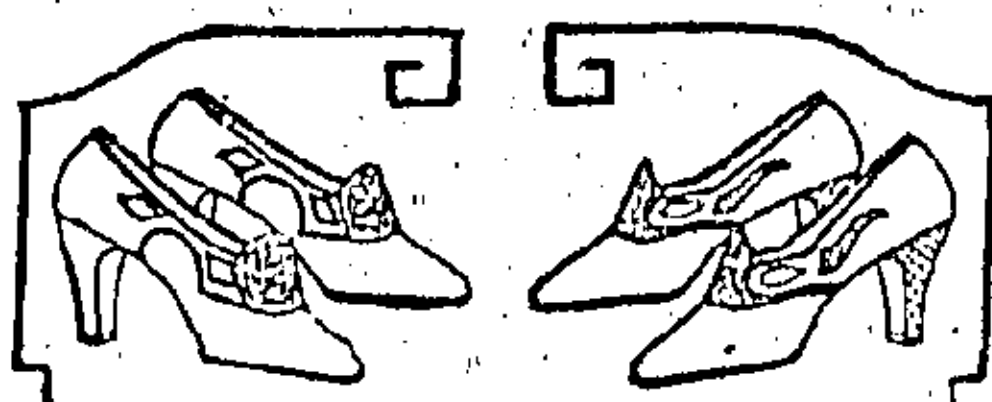
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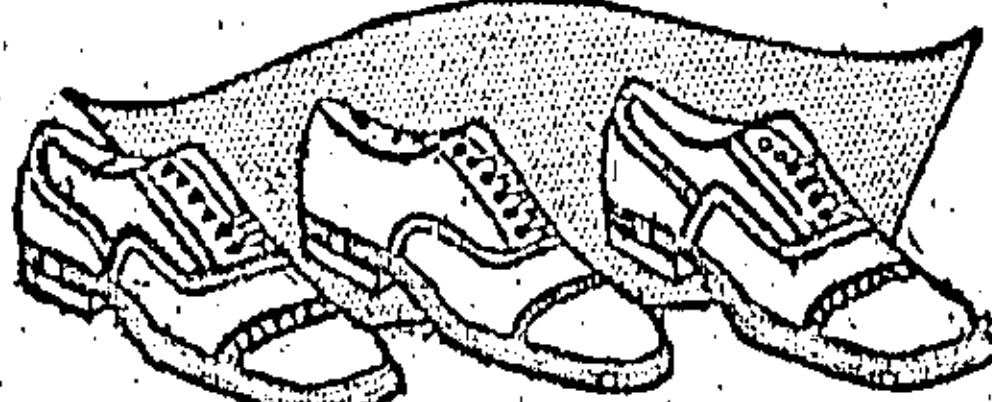
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PROBLEM OF EX-SERVICEMEN IN DOMINIONS.

Delegates attending the third biennial conference of the British Empire Service League were received at Buckingham Palace, by the King, who conferred the C. B. E. on Mr. T. F. Lister, who has retired from the chairmanship of the league and has become a vice-president. The King also conferred the C. M. G. on Captain G. J. C. Dyett, of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Association Australia.

When the business of the conference was resumed at Empire House, Baker-street, the Grand President, Field-Marshal Lord Haig, read the following telegram which he had received from the King—

"I have received with much satisfaction your telegram communicating the terms of the resolution passed at the third biennial conference of the British Empire Service League. I sincerely thank the delegates, representing so many branches of the league throughout the Empire, for their message of loyal assurance and good wishes. It was a great pleasure to me to receive the delegates this morning and have an opportunity of welcoming those from overseas. I was gratified to learn of the spirit of fellowship which unites the various organizations of ex-Servicemen, now comprising the British Empire Service League, in their efforts to promote comradeship and good will throughout the Empire."

A welcome was given to Colonel Henry D. Lindsay, past National Commander of the American Legion, who, in reply, expressed a wish that Lord Haig would visit the ex-Servicemen of America.

A Gift of Land.

Captain Donald Simson, the honorary secretary, announced that Mrs. Campbell, widow of Colonel J. E. Campbell, had given to the League 1,000 acres of land near Calgary, in Canada, to be used for the benefit of ex-Servicemen.

Lord Haig said this generous gift was made entirely without conditions, and he suggested that the best thing would be to use it for the settlement of ex-Servicemen.

Considerable discussion took place on the subject of pensions administration, with special reference to the position of ex-Imperial soldiers who are now residents in the Dominions. It was announced that the Minister of Pensions, Major Tryon, had consented to receive a deputation in order that he might discuss the problem with the overseas delegates.

The conference passed a resolution expressing the opinion that all legislation imposing a time limit on first claims to pension should be abolished, and that officers and men should have a statutory right to submit claims to pension, irrespective of the date of discharge.

BEER, RED TAPE, AND OLD TIP.

CONTENTS OF NEW JOANNA SOUTHCOTT'S BOX.

A bottle of beer—which has promptly consumed—bananas, and bins, a War Office document tied with red tape, a pronouncement that the crack of doom would come on June "31," 1927, and a Derby tip of Call Boy were the contents of "Joanna Southcott's Box" which was opened before a crowd of 300 people in the market place at Cambridge the other day.

The ghost of the lady, clad in white, was also flitting round.

The ceremony took place before two "archbishops" and twenty-two of their colleagues on the Episcopal Bench, and Father Wilfred Knox, of the Cambridge fruiting campaign, for whose benefit the box was opened.

Among the "prelates" who appeared were—"The Archbishop of Gotabert and Aber, the Bishops of Pplundapp, Wantawasha, and Youngander."

Towards noon parties of extravagantly clad "clerics," some accompanied by hefty women relatives proceeded to a hotel yard, where the procession was formed.

This heterogeneous collection of "prelates" and "incumbances" later emerged, headed by half a dozen undergraduate pipers, and went to the market square, where the box was solemnly taken from beneath the conduit and opened. In the procession was Major "Sogrieved," the world's record broker, on whose car was the invitation "Anybody last please step up."

After pelting the crowd with bananas the procession moved off and sprinkled beer on those near by.

TOURIST TROPHY.

HANDLEY WINS THE LIGHTWEIGHTS.

There were many thrills and crashes in the race for the Lightweight Tourist Trophy on the mountain course in the Isle of Man. The winner was W. L. Handley, who had led the Junior race field for six of the seven laps. In the Lightweight class he led from start to finish, smashing record as he went, and fighting off the strong Italian challenge which had been levelled against the home riders. Handley rode a great race. He overtook Archangeli in the first lap, and though the latter pursued him relentlessly at breakneck speed, he held his place, and eventually won by over eight minutes from the Italian, who, like his compatriots, wore the black shirt of the Fascisti.

Record by Bennett.

It was a most amazing duel. The two men took risks so that the spectators gasped with apprehension. In the third circuit Handley fell at Governor's Bridge, but picked himself up and proceeded. No sooner was he out of sight than Archangeli, fighting for seconds, swept round the curve too fast, and also fell. He, too, jumped up, grabbed his machine, and set off in pursuit. Alec Bennett also challenged strongly for the lead. Outpaced in the first two laps, he snatched second place from Archangeli by 7 seconds and to get within a minute of Handley. Then he developed engine trouble, and retired. The Anglo-Italian duel proceeded. Elsewhere on the course Paddy Johnston and Mario Gherzi were fighting another duel. Last year Johnston won the race from Gherzi's brother, and Mario was bent on revenge. Changing places with another Italian, so as to be nearer the Irishman, he rode the first lap like a demon, passed two Britishers, and stormed after Johnston in the third lap. Vengeance seemed to be at hand. Gherzi got to within 3 seconds of the Irishman, and it looked as though he would pass him, but it was not to be. The Italian engine crumpled under the strain, and Gherzi had to retire on the mountains, while his potential victim roared away to Ramsey.

But disaster befell Johnston. He rode magnificently for six laps, and was well among the leaders, but in the final circuit he crashed into a gate at the Bungalow and lay unconscious till the ambulance conveyed him to hospital. He was badly injured. There was another crash. W. Cooke, of Birkenhead, fell heavily on the mountain road at East Snafell Gate. J. Robinson, of St. Helens, another competitor, stopped to render first aid, and then rode to the nearest doctors, thereby sacrificing considerable time. Cooke was taken to hospital with a fracture to the base of the skull. Reynard, a young Yorkshireman, fell at Kirk-michael, and damaged his knees, but was not seriously hurt, and T. Stewart, another Irishman, fell at Governor's Bridge, cut his lips and tore his clothes, but proceeded.

90 Miles an Hour.

Conditions were ideal, except that a gale blew across the mountain tops, and made riding hazardous. Despite this the riders tore down the mountain side, some of them travelling at 90 miles an hour. The race was run in more than 12 minutes less than the time taken last year. The New Imperial trio won the Manufacturers' Team Prize.

Of the 23 starters 17 finished, and 11 qualified for Tourist Trophy replicas. The complete list of

CHOPPED NOTES.

MEETING OF BANK COMPRADORES.

The compradores of Hongkong foreign banks held a meeting at the premises of the Compradores' Association yesterday noon to consider the circular letter received from the local Gold and Banking Exchange Association on the subject of chopping notes from foreign countries.

The compradores of the foreign banks set forth their views that they would require the native banks, gold exchange banks and money changers either to adhere to the method of 'chopping the notes' (a system adopted some five or six years ago) or to resort to the older method of writing down the numbers and denominations thus giving a record to the bank compradores to hold against their respective customers. In this case, the chopping would only have to be done on a list of numbers instead of on the notes themselves.

On notes coming from places in close proximity to Hongkong, (as the Strait Settlements, Indo-China, Manila etc.) the compradores would not exempt their customers from responsibility until after the lapse of two months, and on notes coming from distant places like the United States, Great Britain, etc., the period of responsibility for forgery would not cease, until the end of four months, on account of the distance intervening.

Although many compradores expressed themselves in favour of the chopping system, a good few also regarded it as unjust. As an instance was quoted the recent case of the notes of the Bank of Taiwan, in which a local bank compradore is alleged to have made one of its customers bear the brunt when a foreign bank was alleged to be in difficulties. An unforeseen circumstance of this nature appeared to inflict far too much hardship on the native banks.

In answer to the objection of the compradores of "the foreign banks of too great a risk of forgery for a little remuneration the native banks and money changers point out that they are in practically the same boat, that an erroneous impression seems to have gone round that they always net a greater profit than the compradores of the banks. This is only true in individual cases and in small transactions amounting to a few notes exchanged at the counters. For larger dealings, aggregating hundreds or thousands of dollars, the native banks and the like have to encounter just as keen competition as the compradores in the foreign banks.

finishers and times is:

	H.	M.	S.
(1) W. L. Handley (Rex-Acme)	4	10	22
L. Archangeli (Guzzi)	4	13	52
C. T. Ashby (O.K.)	4	19	24
J.A.P.	4	32	32
S. Crabtree (J.A.P.)	4	35	8
A. Vazzi (Guzzi)	4	35	56
F. L. Hall (New Imperial)	4	35	21
C. S. Barrow (Enfield)	4	37	0
S. Glieve (Dot J.A.P.)	4	41	0
L. Hinson (Montgomery J.A.P.)	4	41	15
J. G. Burney (Enfield)	4	43	22
G. L. Boudin (O.K. J.A.P.)	4	44	38
E. C. Fernihough (New Imperial)	4	45	54
T. Stewart (Enfield)	4	46	5
S. Jones (New Imperial)	4	46	27
L. Horton (New Imperial)	4	46	43
J. Robinson (New Imperial)	4	46	43
Bennett had a record lap of 35 minutes 9 seconds, which equals 64.42 miles per hour.			

BAND CONCERTS.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT KOWLOON DOCK.

Arrangements have been made by the Kowloon Dock United Services Club for a series of band concerts to be given at the bathing beach at Kowloon Dock on Sunday afternoons in order to provide for a swimming gala to be held at the beach towards the end of the season, the events to be confined to naval and military units in Hongkong.

A small charge of admission, 50 cents, will be made for civilians, whilst members of M.M. Forces will be allowed in free.

The first concert will be given on Sunday next by the band of the Cameronians and the Scots' Guards Pipe Band. One July 31 the Queen's Royal Regiment Band will provide the programme, on August 7 the Welch Regiment, on August 14 the King's Own Scottish Borders, on August 21 the Northamptonshire Regiment, and so on until the last concert, to be given on September 18.

These weekly functions should prove very popular.

It is hoped to arrange for a launch to run between Statue Pier and the bathing beach, leaving the pier at 4.15 and returning at 7.30, and the bus companies have been asked to run an augmented service to the beach.

Refreshments will be provided at reasonable charges.

30,000 AT TATTOO.

BATTLE OF BLENHEIM FOUGHT AGAIN.

With all its colour—and grim reality of wound and death—the battle of Blenheim was re-enacted last month before a dense audience of 30,000 spectators at the Rushmore arena at Aldershot.

On a vast stretch of smooth turf set in a frame of trees with a dim background of country stretching for mile upon mile behind, old heroism and old tragedy were revived for a while by groups of soldiers in the red coats of the British Army of 1704 and the white coats of the Regiment de Dauphin Anjou and Poitou and the blue coats of the Gardes Le Roi.

This magnificent scene, which was the crowning wonder of Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo—undoubtedly the most impressive spectacle of the year—took place after the fall of darkness and in a flood of light from a ring of powerful searchlights.

After thrilling fighting the battle was won—and 30,000 people slowly realised that they were living in the reign of George V. and that Queen Anne was dead this 200 years, and it was just Rushmore Arena in front of them and not the village of Blenheim. Swiftly they were re-called to modern days by the arrival of aeroplanes which thundered overhead. A twin-engine bomber was attacked by two single-seater fighters, and the noise of the engines had scarcely died away when the arena became the setting of a dazzling scene of modern warfare.

The tattoo ended with a note of solemnity—the singing of "Abide with me" by the whole audience, followed by the sounding of the "Last Post."

During the Blenheim spectacle a horse and its rider, a colonel, were injured. The colonel, who was bleeding from the nose, was rushed to the Cambridge Hospital at Aldershot. The horse's leg was broken.

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The Amir of Afghanistan, who has just completed a tour of the northern portion of the country, states that considerable progress has been made with road development. Motoring is possible in many districts. Throughout his tour the Amir was loyally received—an indication that the propaganda carried on by Soviet agents has not met with the success they anticipated.

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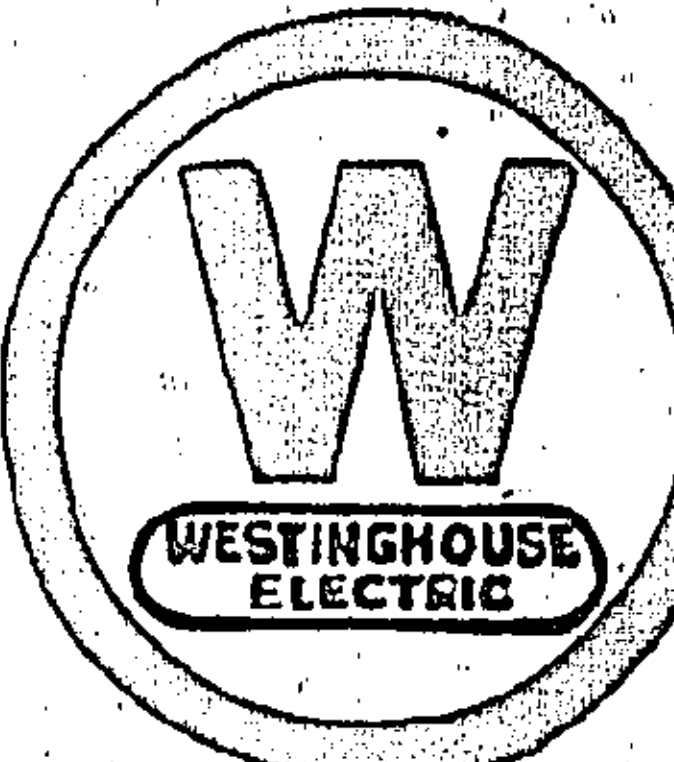
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VERSES AT MURDER TRIAL.

SEQUEL TO TRAGEDY ON A FARM.

Verses written on leaves from a notebook were read at the trial, at Oxford Assizes, of Frederick Boxall (19), cowman, who was accused of murdering Katherine Mary Baker, the 15-year-old niece of his employer.

The verses were found in Boxall's room. They were all in the same handwriting, but some bore Boxall's initials and others the initials of the girl. Verses supposed to be from the girl began, "It is hard to lose a friend" and "I am in love with you."

Mr. J. E. Matthews, K.C., for the prosecution, said one of the verses was that frequently written as an autograph, reading:—

Molly Baker is your name,
Single is your station,
Happy is the little man,
That makes the alteration.

Another read:—
It's hard to lose a friend,
When life is full of hope,
It's harder still to lose a pal,
When your eyes are full of soap.

Mr. Justice Greer, charging the Grand Jury, said that after the tragedy Boxall walked seven miles to the police station to give himself up. The facts of the case suggested that an inquiry into the young man's mental state might be necessary.

Plea of Not Guilty.

Boxall, a tall, fair-haired, good-looking youth, pleaded not guilty. Mr. Matthews said that after the girl's aunt and uncle had made a search for her with torches Boxall showed the police the spot where her body lay under a hedge.

Boxall later made a further statement, said Mr. Matthews, as the result of which the body was exhumed. Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, made a post-mortem examination, and found confirmation of Boxall's statement. The girl had been strangled by a handkerchief.

Superintendent Day, said that Boxall's mother died shortly after her son was arrested. She had been in hospital for five years. Boxall was an illegitimate child, and his great-uncle was at present in a lunatic asylum.

He agreed that the post-mortem revealed that the girl had a weak heart and might be liable to die suddenly.

Dr. W. R. K. Watson, Medical Officer at Brixton Prison, who had had Boxall under observation said that his intelligence was above the normal, and there was no symptom of insanity. His great-aunt, whom he had seen that day, was suffering from delusional insanity.

Alleged Confession.

"I caught hold of her by the throat, and felt her body twitch. I thought she had fainted, but when I left go she fell against the hedge. I went to the police and told them I had committed a murder. I meant to frighten her more than anything else."

These words were part of an alleged confession by Frederick Boxall, the 19-year-old cowman, when the trial was resumed at Oxford to-day.

Boxall, who gave his evidence in a perfectly calm voice, and appeared to be quite collected, said:—The girl thought that I had got her into trouble, and when I told her not to tell she smacked my face. This made me get into a temper, and it was at that time it came into my mind to kill her, because I was afraid of what might happen if she told.

He then made the statement quoted above, and continued:—I stood looking down at her for some time, and then felt her pulse and found that it had stopped. I picked her up, and some blood came out of her mouth on to my skirt.

I picked her up again, and took out my handkerchief and tied it round her neck to stop the blood coming out.

I then carried her through the fence and hedge, and left her lying on the grass. I walked up the road and sat on a wall for a time, wondering what I could do, and whether I should tell the police. I then walked into Oxford and told the police I had committed a murder. I loved her too much to mean killing her. Before the quarrel started we had been on friendly terms, the girl having asked me to meet her that evening, as she had something to tell me.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. B. Matthews, the prisoner said he did not tie the handkerchief round her throat.

Mr. Matthews—Do you deny you strangled the girl?—I can't very well say I did.

Prisoner said he caught hold of the girl's throat with his hands, but although he could not deny he killed her, he had no intention of doing so at that moment. "I meant to frighten her more than anything else," he explained.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned against Boxall. Sentence was postponed till later in the day.

U.S. CRUISES STOPPED.

TOURISTS OFFENDED BY CRITICISM.

Considerable offence was taken by American tourists who visited New Zealand and Australia in the liners Franconia and Carinthia at the criticisms they received in the columns of the Press. Whether as a result of this or not, the organisers of the tours have decided to omit the Dominion and the Commonwealth from the itineraries of future tours.

Complaint was made at the time by the tourists, and the matter was taken up by the New Zealand Tourist League when in January last the Carinthia, conveying the tourists, reached Sydney. A cablegram was sent that the visitors complained of the comments of New Zealand papers, and the league wrote immediately to the Carinthia's owners and asked for fuller information.

Undisputed.

The league has now received the following communication from the agents, Messrs. Raymond, Whitcombe, and Co., of Boston, United States:—

"The clipping from the Auckland papers that you sent us seems to sum up the feelings of the passengers in the matter. To our mind the attitude of the Press, in Australia particularly, was entirely undignified, and this left in the minds of the passengers very unpleasant feelings."

On our previous year's cruise there were similar occurrences, and our visit to Perth and Fremantle especially was made unpleasant by the attitude and audible comments on the part of those ashore at the time of our arrival.

"We do not feel that it is worth while going into this matter more seriously with you, as we have cut New Zealand and Australia from our itineraries, and, for the present at least, have abandoned our visits to your part of the world."

NEW SCULPTOR OF GENIUS.

POISED MASSES THAT SEEM TO FLOAT.

With his exhibition at the Claridge Gallery, in Brook-street, W., Mr. Maurice Lambert definitely establishes his claim, says a London paper, to rank among the few modern British sculptors who count—the few for whom the art of sculpture signifies not the imitation in plastic material of natural forms, but the invention of plastic rhythms based on some motifs derived from nature, and carried out with due consideration of the qualities inherent to the material employed.

This appreciation of the material finds expression in the infinite labour and care bestowed by Mr. Lambert on surface finish.

No one who has seen—and caressed with his hands—the flawless cold roundnesses of the "Kneeling Torso," carved in alabaster, will be able to resist the sensuous charm of this lovingly wrought piece, in which the rhythm of the human body is made the motif for a happily invented abstract plastic design of extraordinary ingenuity.

The "Birds," so happily described by Mr. E. Dulac in his foreword as "glittering swirl in space," are carried out in polished brass, balanced like a star's spreading antlers, on an inclined egg-shaped

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basis of Sienna marble.

Mr. Lambert seems to court difficulties of this kind—heavy masses poised on the slightest support as though they were floating in air. This is notably the case of "Woman in a Hammock." The hammock is invisible though it is indicated by the curve of the reclining nude figure, while its swing is suggested by the varying angles of the wooden basis.

Much thought is invariably given to the relation of the pedestal to the actual sculpture. In the brass "Sunfish," for instance, the veins of the alabaster are used to indicate the ripples of the water.

That Mr. Lambert, if he chooses to do so, can produce realistic portraits of sterling merit is amply proved by his bust of Sir Edmund Davis. But as a rule he prefers to formalise the features and to go straight for a synthesis of essential character. The polished aluminium head of Miss Edith Sitwell is a real triumph of translating a human personality into terms of metal.

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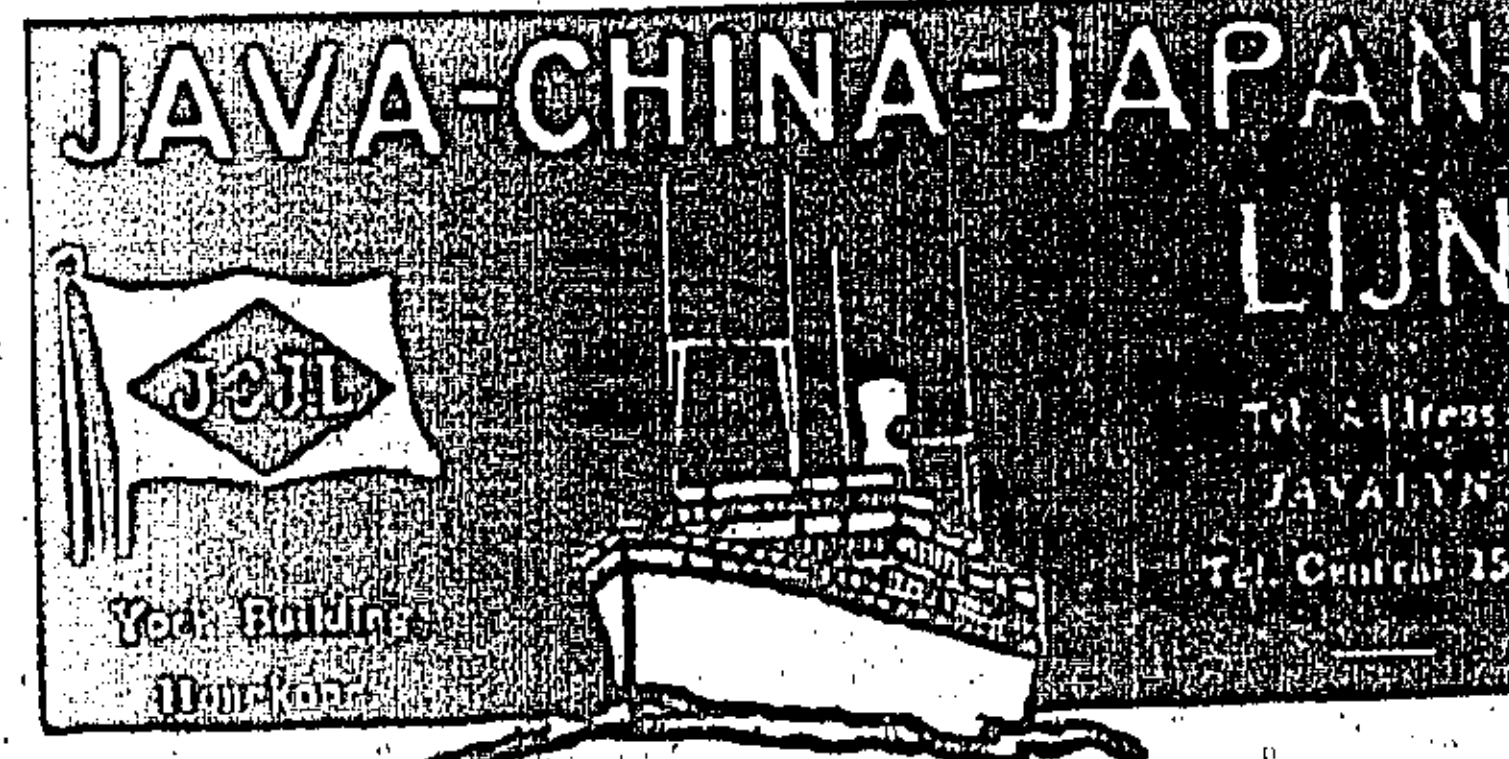
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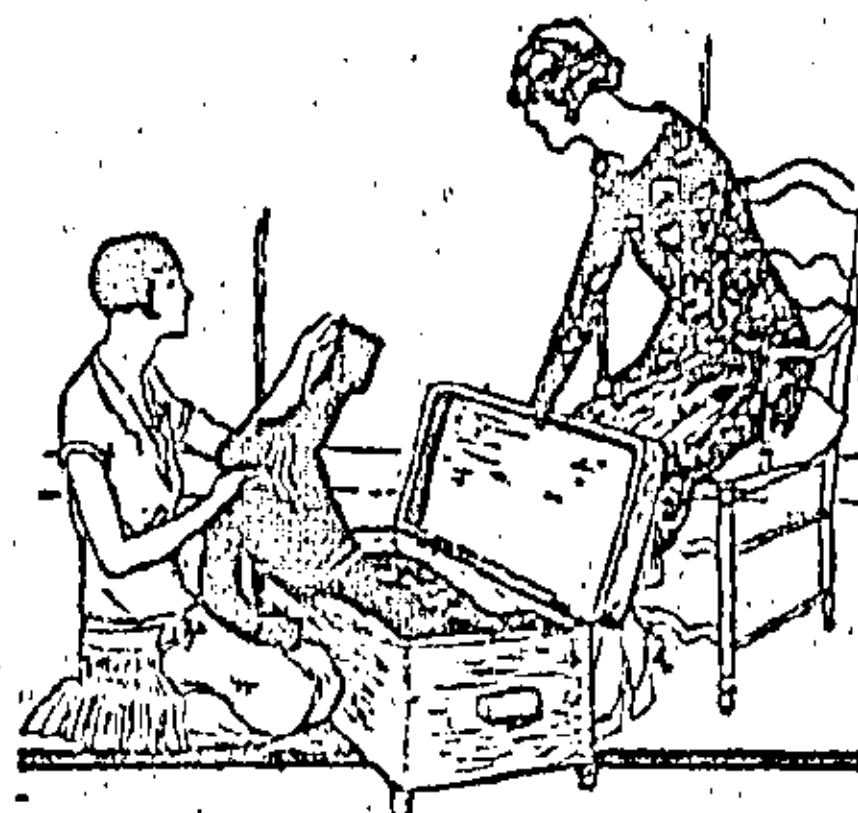
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SHANGHAI FAREWELL
TO TROOPS.

DURHAMS AND GLOUCESTERS
DEPARTING.

A VERY HEARTY SEND-OFF.

The British community in
Shanghai showed their appreciation
for the valuable services rendered
during the uncertain days
of March by the 2nd Battalion the
Gloucestershire Regiment and the
2nd Battalion Durham Light
Infantry by holding a farewell entertain-
ment for the officers and men
at the Race Course, by kind per-
mission of the Stewards, last Sun-
day at 8.30 p.m.

When it was learned that the
two regiments were leaving Shang-
hai the United Services Association
took it upon themselves to give
the two units a combined send
off, all full well remembering the
useful service which they had
performed in holding back the
Northern forces which were trapped
in the native cities by the
Nationalist Army.

Through the medium of the
press all Britishers were asked to
come forward and give small do-
nations for the celebrations and
the call was generously answered.
It was decided that the affair
was to consist of a vaudeville en-
tertainment to be put on by the
troops, one of the military bands
also to be on hand to play during
the show, and it was hoped that
there would be a cinema later in
the evening showing films of particu-
lar interest to Shanghai. Aside
from this there would be served
beer and light refreshments.

The entire British community
was invited to take part in the
celebrations and it was expected
that one of the largest crowds to
gather at the enclosure would be
present to show their gratitude
to the first units to come by the
assistance of foreign nationals in
Shanghai during the hectic days
in March.

SLAVERY AS CHINA
KNOWS IT.

GIRL MORTGAGED FOR TEN
YEARS.

An interesting case was present-
ed before Judge Chau in the
Shanghai Provisional Court last
Wednesday, when Sub-Inspector
Clissold of the S. M. P. applied to
the court to have a 12-year-old
Chinese girl handed over to the
care of the Door of Hope, a local in-
stitution which cares for down-
trodden children. Sub-Inspector
Clissold reminded the court that
the case had been before it on the
previous Monday when the mis-
tress of a Chinese sing-song-house,
to whom the little girl had been
mortgaged by her father for 10
years for \$150, failed to appear in
answer to a summons.

Witness stated that the little
girl had run away from the sing-
song house. The mistress, he
said, had since appeared in court
and been fined \$50 by the Lower
Court. "I suggest," he said, "that
it is the intention of the father
of the little girl to recover posses-
sion of her in order that he might
re-sell her."

Witness also told the court why
the sing-song mistress had failed
to make her appearance last Mon-
day and said that it was because
she had been warned against do-
ing so by a lawyer. Further she
had been threatened by a gang of
loafers against doing so, they pro-
mising to shoot her if she went to
court.

The court ordered the child to
be sent to the Door of Hope.

RUSSIAN AGENTS
ARRESTED.

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conditions there were such as to
prevent the immediate reopening
of trade, and to render residence
risky and undesirable.

Arrangements had been made
for a further investigation next
month, when the state of the
river would be most favourable
for an extension of the investi-
gation to Chungking and Chang-
sha.

Meanwhile, the situation at the
Yangtze ports above Hankow was
being constantly watched, with a
view to ascertaining whether con-
ditions there had so far im-
proved as to render them safe for
British residents and trade.

WUCHOW BOYCOTT.

Pickets Visit Ships.

Pickets have been active in
Wuchow since the 17th instant, all
steamers arriving in that port be-
ing visited by pickets looking for
Japanese products.

Arriving in Wuchow on the
17th, the s.s. Tai Hing was visited
by more than ten of these pickets
who, when they could not succeed
in finding any Japanese goods, de-
manded that some bottles of
mineral water that belonged to
the cook of the steamer should
be confiscated, stating the vernac-
lar press. The crew explained that
the bottles were for the passen-
gers, but the pickets eventually
took them away.

CHINA'S CHIEF WAR-LORDS.



Chang Tso-lin

Chang Kai-shek

The war-lords of the hour in China are pictured here. Sun
Chuan-fang, defeated in the north, may yet resume his place
in the scheme of things; but meanwhile interest chiefly turns
on the possible armistice between North and South, to enable
Chiang Kai-shek to subdue Hankow, while Chang Tso-lin and
Feng Yu-hsiang may fight it out along the Yellow River region.

A PLUCKY CHINESE
SCHOOL-MISTRESS.

CRY FOR HELP SCARES
ARMED MEN.

Mrs. Him Yim-shan, a Chinese
school-mistress, has reported to
the police that some time between
eight and nine o'clock last night
several armed men attempted to
commit a robbery at her house,
No. 3 Lyndhurst Terrace.

The men gained admittance by
knocking at the door and giving
the name of one of the inmates of
the house. When they entered,
they caught hold of the school-
mistress and attempted to bind her
up. She screamed for help, and
without taking anything with
them the robbers made a hasty
exit.

When the police were called in
they examined the house thorough-
ly, and discovered two daggers
on the stairs, apparently dropped
by the robbers in their flight.

DAY BY DAY.

A shopkeeper of No. 45, Pottin-
ger Street, has been victimised to
the extent of \$115, by a Chinese
who represented himself as a fold
of a shop in Wanchai. The im-
poster obtained delivery of eight
suitcases under a false order.

Arriving in the Colony two
days ago, the s.s. Shing On, a
Wuchow boat belonging to a Chi-
nese shipping company, the Yuen
Yuen Company, was visited by the
Police, who found six parcels of
illicit opium, says the vernacular
press. The opium was wrapped
up in some mats.

Mrs. Morris, head-mistress of
the Victoria British School, has
reported to the police that a Chi-
nese entered the school premises
yesterday on the pretext of repair-
ing certain telephone wires. She
allowed him to carry on his work,
but when the man had gone it was
discovered that a table-fan was
missing.

After being given \$100 with
which to purchase stock for the
shop, a salesman of a piece-goods
store at 130, Canton Road, ab-
sconded with the money after the
goods had been ordered and de-
livered. He was later arrested,
and was charged at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning. On
pleading guilty, the man was sen-
tenced to six weeks' hard labour.

No. 1 of Vol. 4 of the *Lingnam
Agricultural Review* (Canton Chris-
tian College) is out. It describes
some interesting research work—
"A Chinese Earthworm," "Con-
tagious Abortion of Cattle,"
"Worms in Goats," vegetable dyes,
poisons and other subjects. The
Review is a record of valuable
work of a type which China badly
needs.

UNEMPLOYED MAN'S
THEFT.

ATTEMPT TO APPROPRIATE
GAS METER.

A Chinese coolie, who arrived
late at the gas works, West Point,
yesterday, and did not get a job,
picked up a meter and was walk-
ing away with it when he was
accosted by a fitter who took him
to the manager.

This morning the theft of the
meter before Mr. R. E. Lindsell,
at the Central Magistracy.

It appears that the fitter asked
the defendant what he was doing
with the meter, and he replied he
was taking it to the furnace
repairer. Knowing that the
furnace repairer had nothing to do
with meters, the fitter informed
the manager who decided to pro-
secute. It was stated that the
defendant, who was a casual
coolie, would probably have been
given a job if he had not been late.
He was sent to prison for six
weeks with hard labour.

HONGKONG POLICE
RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE CAPTAIN
SUPERINTENDENT.

The following Police Reserve
orders are issued by the Hon.
Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, C. S. P.:

Parades.—The Chinese Company
will parade at the Central Police
Station Compound at 5.30 p.m.
sharp on the following dates for
Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises
under Sergt. R. J. Hunt:
Thursday, 21st July; Tuesday,
26th July.

Dress on both days, mufti.
Members of "A" Squad will wear
belt.

The Indian Company will parade
at the Central Police Station Com-
pound at 5.30 p.m. sharp on the
following dates for Squad Drill
under Sergt. R. J. Hunt:
Friday, 22nd July; Monday, 25th
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(Sgd.) G. B. Harford.
D. S. P. (R),
Adjutant,
Hongkong, 19th July, 1927.

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The following are the replies to
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2. An edition of the Bible in which Psalm
119, v. 101, is printed: "Printers have per-
secuted me without a cause." 3. Ninth month
of the Mohammedan year. 4. An extinct rep-
tile with wings like a bat's and head like a
bird. 5. The annual test of the weight and
quality of gold and silver coins. 6. Sir Philip
Sassoon. 7. Head-hunting cannibals of Borneo.
8. King Arthur's sword. 9. Major John Hay
Bath. 10. Sir Wolfe Barry. 11. About 11
tons. 12. Legendary King of Africa, who mar-
ried a beggar maid. 13. Klugea at Hawaii.
14. Fletcher, in "Love's
Cure." 15. Queen of James V. of Scotland;
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